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Their Descendants
In the Coan Line As Well As Other Allied Lines

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to posterity who never look
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my father and mother,

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PREFACE

Wouldn't Peter and George Coan be astounded if they could read this book! To have so many known descendants (many more who are unknown)--people from all walks of life, who have lived in most of these United States and in many foreign countries--would be to them, I'm sure, absolutely unbelievable.

A few of us many descendants have found fame; but most of us have been just honest, decent, hard-working individuals--trying to make a good life for ourselves and our families, doing our jobs, serving our country, worshipping our God, helping our neighbors, and contributing to our communities as best we could. It is in large part because of the interest and genealogical contributions of these fine descendants that I have been able to compile this Coan book. I wish I could name all of you who helped, but the list would be too lengthy. I must, however, mention those living descendants and non-descendants who have given this project an extraordinary amount of time and assistance.

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Cornell University	University of Colorado,
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Kents Hill School	University of Southern Maine
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I wish I felt that in this book all facts were accurate, all Coan lines complete; but I know better. Many errors, unfortunately, will be found. Some records were hand written and hard to read. Others were incorrect and differed in names, spellings, places, and dates. Also, people who sent information did not always write clearly. There were many Coans I was unable to trace at all for lack of data. What I have managed to assemble is a good start--one upon which I hope others may someday build.

When, however, you readers do find errors, omissions, and misinformation, I hope you will write me the correct facts. If I receive enough additional information, in a year or two I will issue a supplement with an errata section and any new data.

To those of you non-descendants who read this book, I trust meeting the Coan family in print will be an interesting experience. To you who are descendants, I hope after reading the story of your family, you will feel as I do--proud to be related to the Coans, proud to be a Coan!

PART ONE
TRADITION AND FACT

NAMES OF THE PALATINE CHILDREN APPRENTICED BY GOV. HUNTER, 1710—1714.

DATE.	NAMES OF CHILDREN.	AGE.	PARENTS.	BOUND TO.	OF
1710.					
Aug. 31	John Philip Lepner.....	12	Orphan	John Hallock.....	Brookhaven
Sept 14	Justina Mona.....	13	"	H. Vanderhull	N. Y.
21	Genrge Frederick.....	13	Conrad Weiser	S: Smith.....	Smithtown
"	Daniel Artopee.....	12	Orphan	Jno Johnston.....	N. Y.
"	Phillips Daniel	13	"	"	"
22	Anna Margt Lamberton.....	13	Elizth Lamberton.....	Jno Deane.....	"
"	Jno. Paul Deobig.....	7	Orphan	S. Phillips.....	East Hampton
"	Hans Jerlick Coons.....	6	"	Saml Mulford.....	Scardale
25	Hans Mellicooms.....	15	"	Caleb Heathcote.....	Near the Ferry, Kings
"	Anna Harher.....	9	"	Rem Jorissen.....	Westobester
26	Adam Creiner	13	Johans Paer	Jon: Hunt Jr.....	Smith town
"	Hans Jerlick Paer.....	8	Magdalen Drum	Richd Smith.....	N. Y.
"	Anna Cathrina.....	11	Orphan	Paul Droilhet.....	"
"	Johannes Lodowick Troitt.....	9	"	Laur Van Hook.....	"
"	Susan Maria Harmin	7	"	Jasper Hood.....	"
"	Anna Maria Harmin	14	"	Laurence Van Hook.....	"
27	Hanna Catrina Laparing	16	"	Andw Mead.....	"
28	Hendrik Porter.....	14	"	Richd Willet	"
"	Mary Trum.....	16	Trum	Garret van Horne.....	"
Oct 14	Anna Margt Wolfe	13	Orphan	John Garreau.....	"
16	Hans Hasian Galian	12	Sara Catrin Bastian	Geo. Elsworth	"
17	Jno Barnard Ruropaw	10	Orphan	Jno Sebringh	at the Ferry Kings
"	Anna Sibella Sheferlog	10	Ann. Maria S.	Dr John Nerbury.....	ferry, L. L.
18	John Conearthart.....	9	Margt Otteene	Robt Walter.....	N. Y.
"	Frederick Pather	7	"	Harman Knighert.....	"
"	Anna Catrina Haver	10	"	Jacob Goelet.....	"
"	Maria Elizth Negilala	11	"	Joseph Latham.....	"
19	Han Jerick Livisten	12	ffawnick Swiete	Derk Philips Conine.....	"
"	Peter Pyrlin	6	Orphan	John van Horne.....	"
"	Willm "	10	"	"	"
23	John Conrad Petre.....	12	"	Robt Livingston.....	Livingston Maar
"	Jerit Cnatnor	13	"	Michl Hawdon	N. Y.
"	Garrit Lamberton.....	12	Widw Lamberton	"	"
24	Magdalena Lizard	13	Widow Lizard	Wellm VandeWater.....	"

Names of Palatine Children Apprenticed by Governor Hunter. Courtesy E.B. O'Callaghan, Documentary History of the State of New York.

CHAPTER 1

PETER AND GEORGE, IMMIGRANTS: THE SEARCH

According to tradition, who were Peter and George Coan, and where did they come from? Fred Welby⁶ Coan and Jeffery Prescott⁹ Coan, both descendants of Peter through Shubael⁴ Coan of Maine, were told that the Coans came from Holland and were Dutch. The Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1911), Vol. 1, p. 90, edited by William Richard Cutter and others, in the article on the Coan family stated:

The Coan family is of German descent, and has long been established in New England. In 1715 three brothers came from Worms, Germany. Their parents, who accompanied them on the emigrant ship, died on the voyage, and the boys consequently landed in America in a destitute condition. The two older brothers were apprenticed to Deacon Mulford, of East Hampton, Long Island, where they remained until their marriage, after which they removed to Guilford, Connecticut, where they passed the remainder of their lives. The other brother, Abraham, left no record of his life or family.

Alvan Talcott, writing of Peter in his four-volume compendia on Guilford, Connecticut, families, said more or less the same thing.

The article on Ralph Alonzo⁶ Coan, descendant of Peter and grandson of Abraham⁴ Coan of Maine, in the National Cyclopaedia of American Biography (New York: James T. White & Company, 1955), Vol. XL, p. 149, explained that Peter came "from Hesse (later part of Germany) in 1715 and settled in Massachusetts." D. Hamilton Hurd in his History of Fairfield County, Connecticut (Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis & Co., 1881), between pp. 804 and 805, in a resume on Albert Stone⁴ Coan, a great grandson of George, wrote:

It is related that a great many years ago a wealthy German by the name of Coan left Germany in company with two of his sons who were small boys. On their way to this country Mr. Coan was murdered, his body thrown overboard, and all his money stolen. One of the boys went South, and nothing has been heard of him or any of his descendants; the other boy lived with a man on Long Island by the name of Mulford. In due time he married and had a family of children, one of whom he named Mulford Coan, which has since continued to be a family name.

(There was no mention at all of Peter, and so far as I know, besides George's son, there was only one other Mulford--Milo Mulford⁴, son of Sylvanus³.)

Howard Radcliffe Coan, discussing the origin of the Coans, wrote:

When my brother Frank was general secretary of the English-Speaking Union of the United States, he went to England and in Norfolk discovered quite a few Coan names there in church and cemetery. We know that the migrants went to Europe (Germany) to get passage to the United States and that the three brothers, having lost their father during the voyage, seem to have begun as Americans in Guilford, Connecticut, where I have seen some of their graves.

Virginia Catherine⁸ Coan Wiles, a descendant of Peter through his son Jacob, said in her manuscript, History of the Coan Family of America, that it was "our family legend that the Coans came from Isle of Man, but were Welsh in descent."

Finally, Wesley Burgess⁵ Coan in his Genealogical Notes stated:

The progenitors of those who bear this Coan name in the United States were a family consisting of a father, mother, and three sons, natives of Worms, Germany, who in 1715 left Germany in an emigrant ship bound for New York. The names of the parents have not been ascertained.

In the light of all this somewhat conflicting tradition, what are the facts? What do the records say?

What facts? What records? In trying to find documented proof of Peter's birth, his parents' names, Peter's and George's arrival in America, I first of all had to realize that the name of these people then might not have been spelled C-O-A-N. In the 1930s the Media Research Bureau in Washington, D.C., published a series of genealogical and historical sketches on family names; one of them was The Name and Family of Coan from which I quote:

The names of Coan, Coen, and Cone are said by some authorities to have been Cohen or Coh(a)n in origin, while other authorities claim they were derived from the ancient Irish name of Caomhan, meaning "a noble person," which was also to be found at an early date in Scotland in the form of Coane. These names were to be found on the ancient British and early American records in all of the various forms above mentioned and were probably interchangeable in many cases, with the German names of Cohan, Cohen, Cohn, Kohn, Kohen, Kohan, Koen, Koens, Cohem, Coham, Coen, Coens, Koan, Koans, etc.

My first thought was to check New York State records to see if I might find some facts on apprentices of 1715. In E. B. O'Callaghan's Documentary History of the State of New York (Albany, N.Y.: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1850), Vol. III, p. 566, there was a record of the names of Palatine children apprenticed by Governor Hunter 1710-1714. The date was one year too early, but I decided to look at it anyway; and there I found two boys who must be Peter and George. (See copy of this record which follows.) The two boys were listed thus:

1710	Sept. 22	Hans Jerick Coons	Age 6	Orphan	Bound to
		Saml. Mulford of East Hampton			
1710	Sept. 22	Hans ffellacoons	Age 15	Orphan	Bound to
		Caleb Heathcote of Scarsdale			

There were quite a few discrepancies between this information and tradition, but tradition was often not exact. The date was 1710, not the 1715 of tradition. The second boy's name was more likely Philip, not Peter. In 1710 Peter would have been 12 or 13 years old, not 15, if the 1697 birth date was accurate. The second boy was bound to Heathcote, not Mulford. And Samuel Mulford was not tradition's Deacon Mulford. Deacon Mulford was Captain Samuel's brother John.

Another source that included information on New York apprentices of that period was Professor I. Daniel Rupp's book, A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants From 1727 To 1776 (Philadelphia: I. G. Kohler, 1880), with German Translation. In the appendix, page 445, there was a list of male children apprenticed by Governor Hunter 1710-1714 (See list that follows). Here George was 8 years old, not 6; and the 15-year-old boy was definitely Philip, not Peter. Their last name was Kuhns.

Were these boys really Peter and George Coan? If so, how could the discrepancies be explained? Some couldn't. The date of their arrival was definitely 1710, not 1715. Tradition was wrong. How could Philip be Peter? Mr. C. Frederick Kaufholz in his lecture, "Keys to a Search for Your German Ancestors," delivered before members of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston in October of 1980 said that one difficulty genealogists encountered in researching German names was that one man might be called by two names. One name he would use formally and legally in records and documents; the other he would be known by. Thus, Peter could be Peter to family and friends, but legally be Philip.

As to the Mulford who took George as an apprentice, tradition could be wrong; and it was Captain Mulford, not Deacon Mulford, who took George. Or tradition could still be right. Samuel Mulford was a sea captain, a whaler, and for many years a member of the Provincial Assembly of New

York. He was away from home a great deal, so he could have turned his young apprentice over to his brother Deacon John and wife to care for. Caleb Heathcote, to whom Philip Peter was bound, was a very wealthy and important gentleman. He was a judge, a colonel in the militia, mayor of Westchester, and for many years Receiver General of Customs of North America. Since his apprentice and George were brothers, he might have made arrangements with Mulford to keep the boys together. Philip Peter might then have worked for the Deacon. Or, Philip Peter could have served his apprenticeship to Heathcote and then gone to East Hampton to be near George. At any rate, we know he was there in the 1720s because his marriage was recorded in 1726 in the East Hampton church records kept by the minister, Nathaniel Huntting. In these records, which also contained the baptisms of four of his supposed twelve children, his name was Peter Coen. In the same church records George's name was recorded as Coen for his marriage, and Coens for the baptism of his daughter Jane.

It would have been helpful if I could have examined the original records of indentures of Palatine children, for these records probably would have contained more detailed information. But as Winifred Holman, an eminent genealogist employed in the 1950s by Mrs. Folwell W. Coan to trace the Coan ancestry, stated in her Coan Lineage, p. 4, these records were "lost in the Capitol fire in Albany, New York, in 1911." From this same manuscript came the following bit of interesting data on Peter and the Coan name:

It seems possible that the Peter Covan who was a witness to the will of John Wheeler of East Hampton, 5 Sept. 1726, proved 3 Aug. 1728, may have been our Peter Coan. The other witnesses were Theophilus Willman and John Davis. (Unrecorded Wills before 1796, N.Y. Historical Society Collections, 11:83.)

After noting all the various spellings of Peter and George's surname, one might wonder when the C-O-A-N finally appeared. The first record of the C-O-A-N spelling appeared in 1735 in a deed dated November 10 for property purchased in Guilford, Connecticut, Northern Parish, by George (see deed). December 4 of the same year he purchased a second piece of property in the same town; and this he sold to Peter November 11, 1737 (see deed). From this time on the name was Coan. Was the register of deeds responsible for this spelling, or did George spell his name that way? No one will ever know. There have been many spellings of the name since that time, not by the owners of the surname, but by others. The one that was probably the most unfortunate because of the importance of the document in which it occurred was the 1790 Federal Census of the State of Massachusetts, town of Truro, where the name was spelled K-O-H-A-M. All Truro gravestones, however, spelled it C-O-A-N. There were

No. VI.

NAMES AND AGES OF MALE CHILDREN APPRENTICED BY GOVERNOR HUNTER, 1710 to 1714.

Namen und Alter der von 1710 bis 1714 von Gouverneur Hunter in die Lehre gethanen Knaben.

Johan Philip Lepper, 12,	Hans Gerhart Löser, ? 10,
Georg Friederich Weiser, 13,	<i>John Peter Zenger</i> , 13,
Daniel Artopee Weiser, 12,	Thomas Reich, 12,
Philip Daniel Weiser, 13,	Jacob Berleman, 10,
Johan Paul Denbig, 7,	Johann Paul Schmidt, 12,
Hans Georg Kuhus, 8,	Georg Schneider, 15,
Hans Philip Kuhus, 15,	Joh. Con. Matheis Horner, 15,
Adam Greiner, 13,	Jacob Eysterberg, 3,
Hans Georg Bär,	Hans Heinrich Schiltz, 8,
Joh. Ludig Trorit (Trauert), 9,	W. Webber, 8,
Henrich Porter (Bortner), 14,	Jonah Schmidt, 10,
Hans Bastian Gutian, 12,	Johannes Schiltz, 10,
Joh. Bernhart Ruopaw	Christian Engel, 12,
(Rorbach), 10,	Arnold Schweedt, 13,
Johann Conrad Otteene, ? 9,	Jacobus Brauer, 14,
Frederick Otteene, ? 7,	Peter Lohn, ? 9,
Hans Georg Schweitzer, 12,	Nicholas Dietrich, 14,
Johan Conrad Petre, 12,	Peter De Mott, 13,
Peter Pfeiffer, 6,	Johann Wilhelm Schmidt, 14,
Georg Kastner, 13,	Jacob Berleman, 11
Gerhardt Lamberton, 12,	Simon Helm, 12.

The whole number apprenticed, males and females, was 75.

Die ganze Anzahl, Knaben und Mädchen, betrug 75.

Names and Ages of Male Children Apprenticed by Governor Hunter. Courtesy I. Daniel Rupp, A Collection of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, French, and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1726-1776.

two Coans who did spell the name differently. Mabel , granddaughter of Peter through his son John, spelled the name C-O-W-A-N, and her grandson had a middle name with that spelling--Lester Cowan Hall. Ezra T.⁵, a descendant of George, spelled his name C-O-A-N-N to secure a correct pronunciation. He had two children who carried on the same spelling.

Another interesting sidelight on the Coan name came from Ambrose Cone who was born in East Haddam, Connecticut, April 6, 1781, the son of James Cone.

Upon arriving at the age of 21 years, Ambrose conceived the idea that the name would "look better" if spelled "Coan." He therefore changed his name to Coan, and his descendants have followed this spelling. (William Whitney Cone, Some Account of the Cone Family in America [Topeka, Kans.: Crane & Company, 1903], p. 175).

Ever since, thanks to Ambrose, there has been an occasional mix-up between the descendants of Daniel Cone from Scotland and the descendants of Peter and George Coan from Germany.

Now that we have traced George and Peter, the Palatine orphans, to the point where they have begun their adult lives in Connecticut, let's turn our attention to their parents who died en route to America with the Palatines. But first, who were these Palatines? They were people living in the Palatinate, two regions of Germany; one, the Rhenish or Lower Palatinate, which extended on both sides of the Rhine River and west from the Rhine to France and the Saarland; the other, the Upper Palatinate, a province of Bavaria. It is the first in which we are interested since this is the region of Worms where Peter was born in 1697.

The Reverend Sanford H. Cobb in his book, The Palatine (Wilkes Barre, Pa.: printed for Wyoming Historical and Genealogical Society, 1897), p. 6, describes the Lower Palatinate:

as fair a land as all Europe can show. The burghers of its cities were wealthy merchants. Its fertile fields and vine-clad hills brought competence and comfort to its people, and sent abundance of corn and wine to other countries of Europe. Religion and knowledge were so well diffused that there was no other people of their day to whom in these respects the Palatines stood second.

About 1618 the Thirty Years War began, and the people of the Lower Palatinate were victims of:

unspeakable horrors from fire and sword, as well as from pillage and plunder. After only twenty years of peace, war broke out again in 1668 and the French,

under Louis XIV, invaded the Palatinate seeking to utterly destroy the hated Protestants and to make their land a desert. (William Solyman Coons, Koon and Coons Families of Eastern New York [Rutland, Vt.: The Tuttle Publishing Company, Inc., 1937], p. xxi).

Louis' army consisted of:

50,000 men with orders to its commander to ravage the province with fire and sword.... The invasion took place in winter. The French went through the length and breadth of the country destroying cities, burning villages, stripping the people of their possessions, compelling them to pull down their walls, to stand by and see their wealth perish in the flames, killing such as endeavored to save anything from the ruins, and then driving them into the fields to there perish with hunger or cold.

In the following Spring the peasants were forced to plow under their crops. The whole land was filled with mourning. Many thousands were killed. Many were starved or frozen to death. In one day the Elector, standing on the walls of Manhein, counted twenty-three villages in flames. The ferocity of the war and the sufferings of the people can not adequately be described. (Cobb, The Palatine, p. 7).

In 1689, eight years before Peter's birth, the city of Worms was burned. In 1704 Joshua Kocherthal, a Lutheran minister, visited England in behalf of the Palatines to seek their removal to other countries. In 1705 England, Holland, Sweden, and Prussia intervened and demanded the French cease this terrible persecution. But the outbreak of the War of the Spanish Succession came at about this time, and in 1707 Louis sent an army to the Palatinate to repeat as far as possible the carnage of twenty years before. The Palatines could bear no more, and thus began their exodus. In 1708 Kocherthal took fifty-three of his followers to London, and Queen Anne gave permission for this small group to go to New York. They reached their destination in January, 1709, and settled near Newburg on the Hudson.

The severe winter of 1708-09 in the Palatinate destroyed the remaining orchards and vineyards; and the people poured into England by the thousands.

The fact that most of them had come down the Rhine into Holland and sailed from Rotterdam to England caused the tradition among many of their descendants in America that their ancestors came from Holland and were Dutch. (Coons, Koon and Coons Families, p. xxi).

Thus, we see why Fred Welby⁶ Coan and Jeffery Prescott⁹ Coan believed their ancestors came from Holland. Some Coan an-

cester heard it said that Peter and George sailed from Holland to England, and then to America. He assumed that Peter and George were, therefore, Dutch. Thus, the tradition that the Coons were Dutch began.

It is claimed that about 30,000 of these unfortunate people went to England, and, though the English did the best they could for them, their sufferings in some of their camps were horrible, and thousands of them died there. Eventually most of them were sent to New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the Carolinas, or other American Provinces, and to Ireland. (Coons, Koon and Coons Families, p. xxii).

In 1709 Queen Anne arranged that about 3,000 of them should be sent to New York with Kocherthal, who had returned to take more of his people to the new world. Although names of the ships in which they sailed are not recorded, indications are that "the Globe, Berkley, Castle, Bedford, Lyon and Herbert were among the number" (The Palatines of New York State [The Palatine Society, Inc., 1953], p. 24).

Kocherthal and his 3,000 Palatines left London in January, 1710....They encountered fierce storms which scattered their ships and they were tossed about on angry seas for five or six months. With a deadly disease raging among them, the horrors of the long voyage can scarcely be imagined. The only doctor on one vessel reported that he had to care for over 330 patients at one time. They finally reached New York, the ships arriving between June 12 and July 24, 1710. Four hundred and seventy of their number had died on this voyage and 250 more died in quarantine on Governor's Island. In September, 1710, about 357 being left in New York City and 55 orphans and other destitute children being bound out, the rest began a movement up the Hudson River to the five camps arranged by Governor Hunter. (Coons, Koon and Coons Families, p. xxii).

That then was the story of Peter, George, and their parents. They were among the "D.P.s" of the 1700s. These "displaced people" soon prospered in America since they were a hard working and highly respectable group. Most of them had some education as well. Peter and George "made it," but their parents did not. The reason that nothing was ever known of their parents was probably that the boys, particularly Peter, like many of the Jews of World War II who lived through the concentration camps, didn't talk about their experiences--couldn't talk about them--because what happened was too painful to remember. George was young, maybe only six years old, so he would not have remembered too much. But Peter was older and would never forget the whole experience; but apparently he never talked of it to his children.

And so, even the names of his parents were never known.

What about the legend in the family of Virginia Coan Wiles--that the Coans came from Wales? Mrs. Wiles said that it was her belief the Coans left Wales for England and then probably fled from England because of religious persecution and settled in Germany. To go along with Mrs. Wiles, Mrs. Norman Allison Coan of Vancouver, Washington, (1982) wrote: "Our branch of the family has always claimed Welsh ancestry." Her husband was a descendant of Jacob² through Jacob's son Augustus. Ralph Gorman⁷ Coan, Sr., who lived in Lake Oswego, Oregon, (1982) and was a descendant of Abraham², said:

Dad told us he understood that when the English... finally conquered Ireland that our ancestor of that time had to flee the country and went to the low countries finally serving the local princeling in the area of Frankfort and Worms in what is now Germany. His son, who was named Peter, became a sailor and was a privateer sailing out of Louisburg in French Canada when his ship was wrecked upon the Maine coast, near the present site of Rockland, in 1645. It took him about four years to get back into contact with white men again, but he continued his seafaring life.

I always assumed that his recontact with civilization was in New England, but if there is any substance to the story, it could just as well have been back in French Canada; and he could have returned to Germany eventually to sire a grandson who was our Peter.

Originally, if any part of these traditions was correct, the Coans started in the British Isles. But of this beginning there has been no proof. The only documented evidence was that Peter and George arrived with the Palatine immigration of 1710. Where their forebears came from was anybody's guess. Were they English, German, Welsh, or Irish? Someday some Coan may find a documented answer.

Walter Knittle in his Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1965), p. 251, listed the Palatines who sailed from Rotterdam to England in the spring and summer of 1709. The family that impressed me as possibly being that of Peter and George was recorded on the "Second Sailing, May 23, 1709":

"Koen Koenraet & vroux

Hans Veldekoen, Hans Deterkoen,

Hans Jurgekeon, & 1 ch." (Note two spellings of "koen.")

The problem with this family was that there was one boy too many--Hans Deterkoen (probably Dietrick). He, however,

might have died between May, 1709, and January, 1710, when the family sailed for America. Hans Jurgekeon was George; the "1 ch." was Abraham and Hans Veldekoen would have been Peter. I was also impressed with the similarity between Hans Veldekoen and Hans ffellacoons of the New York State list of apprentices 1710-1714. Anyone recording Hans Veldekoen from sound might have written Hans ffellacoons.

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1909), Vol 40, p. 96, listed the Palatines arriving on the "Second Sailing" to England May 27, 1709. On this list was:

"Kuehn, Conrad, age 40, wife, sons 14, 11, 8, 2, Ref., a 'husbandman and vinedresser.'"

The fourth boy was still mentioned. On this list the oldest son's age compared to the age of Philip given by Rupp on the male Palatine apprentice list in the appendix of his book, and George was the same age as George on Rupp's list. Ref. stood for Reformed Church.

In the lists of Palatines in New York in 1710 (Knittle, p. 282-291) a Conrad Kuhn was found, but not the Conrad Kuehn or Koenraet Kuhn with three or four children. Maybe this Conrad Kuehn family never sailed, and so couldn't be that of Peter and George; but if they did sail, the reason for their not being on the New York list would be, of course, that neither parent ever arrived; they died en route. Usually names were repeated in families; and thus there should have been a Conrad or two among the early Coons. There weren't. There were no Philips either. Conrad could have been the father's legal name just as Philip evidently was Peter's.

William Solyman Coons in his book on the Koon and Coons families, page 29, from which I have already quoted several times, gave two possibilities for the father of Philip and George. The first was Johannes Coens or Cuntz, widower, who married Maria Catharina Vogelezang (Hupman) and had a son Ludwig by her. Coons wrote:

Johannes was probably the same as Johannes Kuatz (or Kuntz?), a. 40 yrs. and without family whose name appeared on the list of Palatines remaining at N.Y. during the winter of 1710-11. Whether he was a bro. of Matthias Kuntz from Bischmisheim...and the father of the 2 boys, Hans Philip Coons, a. 15, and Hans Jerick Coons, a. 8, cannot be clearly determined, though such seems likely to have been the case. These boys were bound out Sept. 22, 1710, and if this John was their father and the widower who m. late in Jan., 1711, he would be alone early in the winter as reported in this list of Palatines at N.Y.

At all events this John who was m. in Jan., 1711, was evidently a German and a little later we find him

living among German Palatines of 1710 at East or West Camp, where the birth of a son occurred. He d. at some time during 1713 to 1721 or 1722, and his widow and son located in the Mohawk Valley.

Somehow I do not believe Johannes Coens was the father of Peter and George. His name would have been recorded as their father, and they would not have been listed as orphans on the lists of Palatine apprentices 1710-1714. The second suggestion Coons made on page 230 was that:

John Cunitz, a. 33, who was listed among the Palatines at St. Catherine's, England, in May or June, 1709, with wife and 2 boys then a. 15 and 5, could have been the father of this H. Philip and H. Jerick. This John Cunitz was a Roman Catholic and his older son appears to have been a yr. or 2 older than this H. Philip. Still he could have become a Protestant, as a few of the Catholic Palatines did, and could have died on the way, though we think this very doubtful. We do not know what became of this Hans Philip.

Well, we know what became of Hans Philip, and I'm sure John Cunitz was not his father. The name Cunitz was not too much like Coen, Coons, Koen, Kuhns--a strong reason to question this theory. And, more important, Coons did not mention that besides two sons, Cunitz also had a year-old daughter. ("List of Germans From the Palatinate Who Came to England in 1709," New York Genealogical and Biographical Record [New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1909], Vol. 40, p. 93). I feel Cunitz definitely was not the father of Peter and George.

In an effort to find Peter's parents, I wrote Stadterwaltung, Worms, Postfach 440, 6520 Worms, West Germany. They checked for Coen, Cahn, Coons, Koen, Kuhns, etc. of the late 1600s in Catholic and Protestant church records with no luck. I also wrote Heimatstelle Pfalz, Benzinoring 6, 6750 Kaiserlautern, West Germany, to search the emigrants of the early 1700s for Peter and his family and received no reply. No response may mean no information. The following records in the Genealogical Department Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, were searched by Horst Scharffs, an accredited genealogist and specialist in German language records, whom I employed:

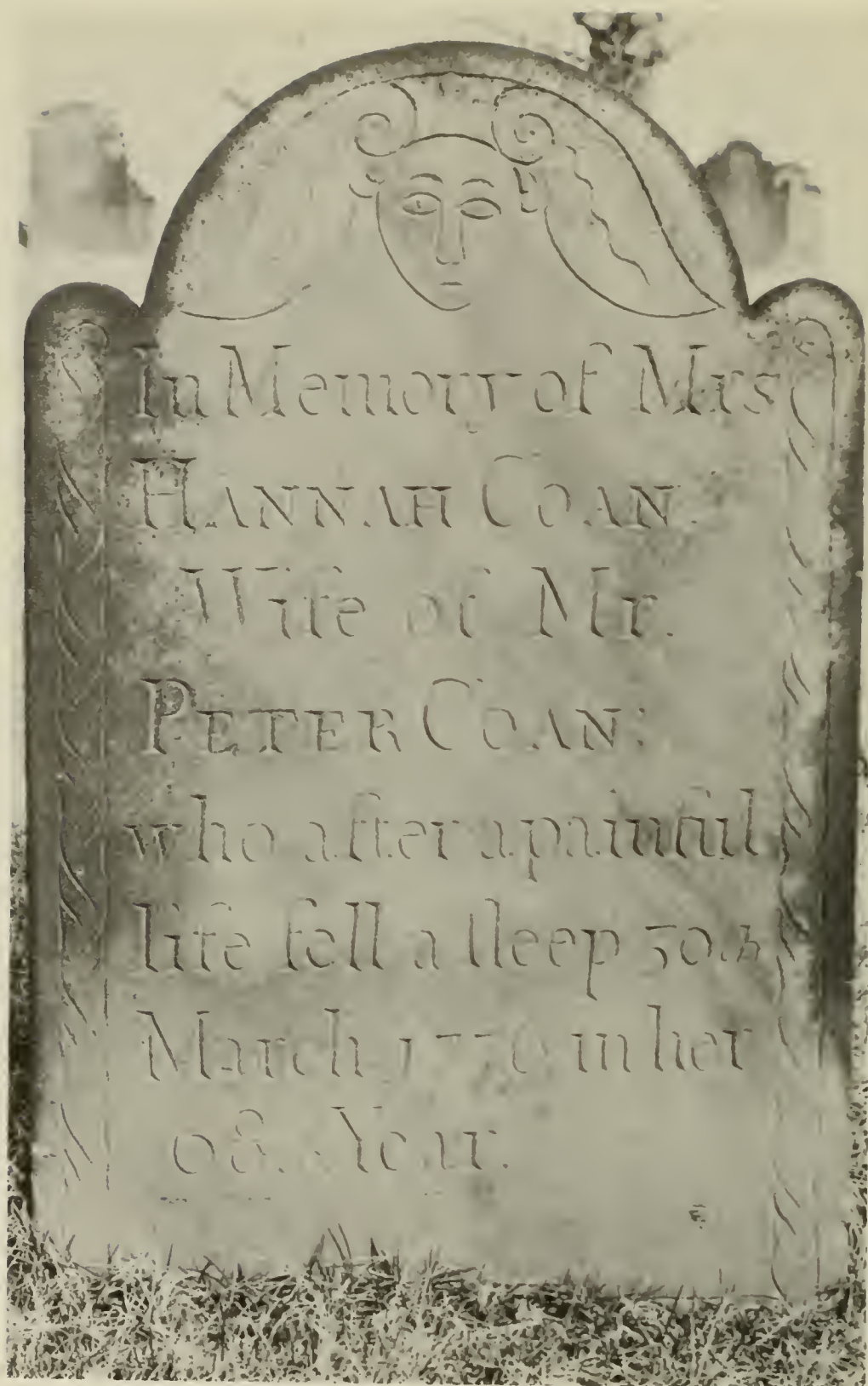
Worms, St. Johannis Church: birth 1683-1709; marriages 1695-1697

Worms, St. Lambert Church: birth 1685-1707; marriages 1686-1689 (marriage register 1690-1701 missing)

Worms, St. Paul's Church: 1700-1708 (registers start with 1700)

Worms, St. Peter's Church: 1695-1712

Worms-Abenheim: 1684-1707



Hannah Davis Coan's gravestone, cemetery, North Guilford, Connecticut. Photo by Gillian Rose.

He found no reference to Peter or George, nor to people who might have been their parents. Mr. Scharffs said that these were all Catholic records and written in Latin. The Mormon Library had no copies of records of the Evangelical (Lutheran) churches. Both Protestant and Catholic records were supposedly checked when I wrote Stadterwaltung in Worms. However, if the library at Salt Lake City ever does have copies of the Lutheran records, it might be worthwhile to have them checked.

I quote again from Mrs. Norman Allison Coan:

We even went to the Kulture-institute in Worms, Germany, but no luck. The curator told us there were 27 places around the area where a birth could be registered and called "born in Worms."

Richard Hogue⁸ Coan, son of Mrs. Norman Allison Coan, in a letter to the compiler said:

While in Germany, Marilyn and I visited Worms to do some searching. We visited the "Stadt Archive" and Jewish and Protestant (not Catholic) cemeteries. In the archives were records back to the 1400s which recorded visits by travelling merchants and others as they entered the gates of Worms. No Coan or anything similar in the late 1600-early-1700 time frame. The records at the Jewish cemetery were extensive also, going well beyond the time frame of interest. Again, no Coan or anything really close.

We were told by the Archivist that, in the vicinity of Worms, there were several other similar repositories of early records. I did not pursue the matter further--a fact I now regret deeply.

It certainly would be a satisfying coup to unravel the mystery. I'd love to return to Germany one day and be able to spend a month or so doing nothing else but investigating.

Many people have tried to find the names of Peter and George's parents without success. I am including all this information to help some future Coan solve the puzzle. Someday some Coan may do it. I hope so. In the meantime, I believe that Peter and George's father could have been Conrad Kuehn, but I will continue to search for documented proof.

PETER COAN

¹
PETER¹ COAN was born in Worms, Germany, in 1697, according to tradition. He came to America in 1710 with his parents and two brothers, George and Abraham. The parents did not

survive the trip; so when the boys arrived in New York as part of the Palatine emigration of 1710, they were alone and destitute. Under Governor Hunter's plan for taking care of the orphans and other destitute minors, Peter was bound out to Caleb Heathcote of Scarsdale, New York, a wealthy and important gentleman of the state. George was bound to Samuel Mulford of East Hampton, Long Island. No one knew what happened to Abraham. Peter moved to East Hampton probably after his apprenticeship was completed, although tradition said that he and George were both cared for by Deacon Mulford, who was Samuel's brother. At any rate, in the 1720s Peter was in East Hampton where on December 8, 1726, he married Hannah Davis. Hannah was baptized in East Hampton October 29, 1727; Peter, February 4, 1728. Their first four children were born in East Hampton.

No records have been found that indicate who Hannah's parents were. Some suggest she was a descendant of Fulk (Faulk) Davis of Long Island. Those who think she might have been descended from Fulk possibly have in mind his great granddaughter, Hannah Davis. This Hannah was born probably in the early 1700s, as was Hannah Davis Coan. However, she could not have been Peter's wife Hannah, since in the Long Island will of David⁴ Davis (Benjamin³, Joseph², Fulk¹) David instructed his son William to "maintain my father Benjamin and my sister Hannah." Hannah Davis Coan was living then (1760) with her husband Peter in North Guilford and would have had no need of being "maintained." David's sister Hannah was no doubt living on Long Island with their father Benjamin. But Fulk had four other sons besides Joseph--Samuel, Jonathan (who died before 1675), John, and Benjamin. I have been unable to find any records on them, so Hannah Davis Coan might have been a descendant of one of them. The best discussion of Fulk Davis I found in Ancestors of James Wilson Yates and His Wife Nancy Davis Terry by Josephine C. Frost (New York: Frederick Hitchcock, 1926), p. 25.

Two other possibilities for Hannah's parents were John and Hannah (Latting) Davis, who were married before 1687; or John Davis, who married Mary Banbury, widow of Edward Banbury, at Oyster Bay, Long Island, September 28, 1687. According to Hannah (Davis) Coan's gravestone, she was born in 1709--twenty-two years after either of these Davis marriages. So one of the pairs could have been her parents; but so far, no records have been found to verify she was a daughter of either pair.

I think that the John Davis whom Winifred Holman mentioned as being a witness, along with Peter Covan, to the will of James Wheeler of East Hampton in 1726 might have been Hannah's grandfather. According to Edward Doubleday Harris' "Ancient Burial Grounds of Long Island" in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 54, p. 429, there was a gravestone for a John Davis who died in East Hampton, aged 90, in 1766. Were he and the witness one

and the same? Who these John Davises were I have been unable to discover. No wife was buried near the man in the cemetery. She might have died before he came to East Hampton; or, of course, he might never have been married. In that case, he couldn't have been Hannah's grandfather--maybe an uncle or great uncle. But I feel that somehow he might have been connected to her and that he and John Davis, witness, might have been one and the same. This is a clue that perhaps some later genealogist may be able to use in tracing Hannah.

In 1737 Peter purchased from his brother George some property with a small dwelling in the North Parish of Guilford, Connecticut. George had been living in Guilford, North Parish, since 1735 when he bought a home there. Peter became a prosperous farmer and bought several more pieces of property as is indicated by deeds on file in Guilford. He and Hannah were communicants of the Congregational Church in North Guilford. The inventory of Peter's estate follows. It contains only his personal effects since Peter gave his son John the land and house in Guilford, North Parish, October 7, 1771.

Hannah died in North Guilford March 30, 1776, in her 68th year; Peter died there October 31, 1779, aged 82. They were both buried in the cemetery in North Guilford.

Children (2) COAN

- i. Jacob, b. Jan. 24, 1728
- ii. John, bpt. Jan. 4, 1730
- iii. Abraham, bpt. Aug. 6, 1732
- iv. Hannah, bpt. Apr. 20, 1735, East Hampton
- v. Martha, b. Nov. 28, 1737
- vi. Mabel
- vii. Elisha, b. Nov. 29, 1739
- viii. Lucretia
- ix. Rebecca
- x. Submit
- xi. William, b. Feb. 24, 1747; d. June, 18, 1748
- xii. Mary, b. July 13, 1750

Note: It has been suggested that Mabel, Lucretia, Submit, and Rebecca were not Peter's children, but were confused with John's children. I emphatically endorse this theory. I have listed them as belonging to Peter since several reputable sources assign them to him; but I feel he definitely did not have twelve, but rather eight children. There were no records of any kind on any of these girls, and I find it strange that Peter would carefully record his other children but not the four of them.

Some authorities say Peter's children were recorded, all twelve of them, in Peter's Bible. He definitely had a Bible; it was listed in the inventory of his estate, but it no longer exists. Catharine Coan Smith (Mrs. Frank L.

Smith) was thought at one time to possess both the Bible and Peter's will. Mrs. Smith died in 1982. Her daughter wrote the compiler that neither the Bible nor the will were in Mrs. Smith's possession; and, so far as she knew, never had been. Peter's will was never probated. The Office of Probate in Guilford, Connecticut, had only the inventory of his estate. So unless the Bible and/or the will are found, they cannot be used as a record.

There were two records which were thought might pertain to Peter's daughter Mabel. The first was from Hales Grave-stones, Guilford, Connecticut: Mabel Coan, b. ca. 1738; d. 5/2/1787. That Mabel was Mabel Chittenden Coan, John Coan's wife, who was born November 5, 1737, and died May 2, 1787. The other Mabel--Mehitable Coan who married John Gilbert April 26, 1768 (Frederick W. Bailey, Early Connecticut Marriages As Found in Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800 [New Haven: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1896], Vol. 6, p. 122) was Mahitable Cone, daughter of George and Mahitable (Emmons) Cone as found on page 15 of Some Account of the Cone Family in America, compiled by William Whitney Cone, source already mentioned in this chapter. So neither record pertains to Peter's daughter Mabel.

Therefore, I am convinced that these four girls--Mabel; Submit, Lucretia, and Rebecca--were not daughters of Peter and Hannah.

Reference: (Other than those already mentioned in text of Chapter 1)

"Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Deaths in East Hampton, Long Island, from 1696-1746," New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (New York): New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1893-1902), Vol. 24, p. 189; Vol. 25, p. 37; Vol. 29, pp. 166, 168, 170; Vol. 30, p. 42; Vol. 33, p. 155.

ADDENDA TO THE SEARCH

In September, 1982, through an ad in the magazine, The Genealogical Helper, I got in touch with Henry Z. Jones, Jr., an authority on the Palatines of 1709-1710, especially those who settled in Ireland and New York. He was a 1963 graduate of Stanford University and by profession an actor-singer who co-starred in many TV productions, as well as acted in many commercials. In his article, "Emigrants from Laubenheim, Germany, to New York in 1709/10," Genealogical Society Quarterly, June 1982, Vol. 70, No. 2, p. 97 he stated:

For the past twenty-one years I have been gathering documented data from original sources only on those

"Palatines" who left their homes in Germany in the great exodus of 1709. My first publication on the subject (The Palatine Families of Ireland, published 1965) concerned those emigrants who settled near Limerick, Ireland, in 1710. Since 1965 I have been collecting 17th- and 18th-century materials on those 1709ers who settled in colonial New York, and posting this historical and genealogical information on family group sheets (now approaching 17,000 sheets). I now am in the process of writing a multi-volume, fully documented study of all the 800+ Palatine families who arrived in New York in 1710.

I asked Mr. Jones two questions:

1. Do you know the names of the parents of the two Coan (Kuhn) boys who were apprenticed in 1710?
2. Have you ever found a listing of those Palatines who left England in January, 1710, for New York?

In Mr. Jones' first letter, he answered my second question.

I have had a researcher in London and Rotterdam on retainer for years, going through the various archives page by page, year by year, looking for those missing passenger lists. We have found some (Unpublished) dated 1710, but these are those who went back to Germany from England. However, these lists you seek may never have existed as you hoped: the Palatines were rarely listed by name, but rather by "numbers", as they were thought of as "cargo." This dehumanizing trend is terrible by our 20th-century standards, but common for the 18th century!

Regarding his knowledge of the parents of the two Coan boy immigrants, Mr. Jones wrote:

I am at present typing my mss. from my 17,000 sheets. If you wish the short article (one page or a bit less) on this family, giving the names of the father of the boys you mentioned, his appearance on Holland sailing lists, etc., from my mss. my fee for a xerox of same would be \$12.50.

I'd love to send this on gratis, but with my German expenses alone at \$90,000 on this hobby, I need some support from fellow-descendants of the 1709ers. ...Your family has not yet been documented in Germany.

Needless to say, my check was in the next mail. I received promptly the following:

CONRAD KUHN now his son VALENTIN (Hunter Lists #413)
Koenraet Koen, his wife (sons) Hans Veldekoen,

Hans Deterkoen, Hans Jurgekoen, and one (other) child were in Holland in the 2nd party of 1709 (Rotterdam Lists). Conrad Kuhn aged 40, his wife, sons aged 14, 11, 8, and 2, Ref., husbandman and vinedresser, were in the 2nd arrivals in England in 1709 (London Lists).

Conrad Kuhn made his first appearance on the Hunter Lists 4 Aug 1710 with 2 over 10 yrs. and 1 under 10. Although the heading in the Ledger section notes his son Valentin, the Journal entries mention only Conrad Kuhn: he had 2 over 10 on 25 March 1711, 1 over 10 yrs. on 25 March 1712, and 2 over 10 on 24 June 1712. The ch. of Conrad¹ Kuhn were:

- 1) Johann Veltin² (Rotterdam Lists & Hunter Ledger), the Hans Ffellacoons aged 15, orphan apprenticed to one Caleb Heathcote of Scarsdale on 22 Sept 1710 (Apprenticeship Lists).
- 2) Johann Peter² (HJ), probably the Hans Deterkoen at Rotterdam in 1709 (HJ).
- 3) Johann Georg² (Rotterdam Lists). Hans Jerick Coons aged 6, an orphan was bound to Saml. Mulford at East Hampton also on 22 Sept 1710 (Apprenticeship Lists).

An article "The Coon (Coan) Family of Guilford, Conn.", a letter from Virginia Coan Wiles, published in Connecticut Ancestry (The Stamford Genealogical Society), Vol. 17, No. 4, May 1975, notes that both Georg and Peter Coan md. well, and raised large families and d. in Connecticut: Peter md. Hannah Davis in East Hampton, and George md. Jane Leek of East Hampton, L.I.

As you can see from my sketch of the family, the father of the Peter² and Georg² Coans was Conrad¹ Kuhn, the emigrant 1709er. The Rotterdam Lists are emphatic on this point, as you can see, in that they list the names of three of his four children. You may have seen this in Knittle, but missed the entry, as the secretaries at Rotterdam were English and Dutch, and often wrote down a German name phonetically (i.e. Johann Valentin Kuhn became "Hans Veldekoen" in Holland, and then "Hans Ffellacoons" on the Apprenticeship Lists in N.Y. ("V" and "F" interchange in the German sounds of that time). Then your Peter Coan was enrolled as "Hans Deterkoen" in Rotterdam; in my experience, the German Christian names "Dieter(ich)" and "Peter" often interchanged in the old records, due to their obvious sound-alike quality.

I have studied all the arriving Kuhn-Cuntz families in great depth for the past 13 years, and have eliminated all other potential emigrants who might have been parents of your two orphans, Georg and Peter. The case is extremely strong that Conrad¹ Kuhn was indeed the father of the boys (note how his death is implied in the Hunter Lists, where the listing for the family is transferred to the eldest boy listed at Rotterdam)

(and these Rotterdam Lists were in order of age), namely his son Johann Veltin². The only slight problem is that the age of Johann George on the apprenticeship lists does not agree with the age of a child at London (although Johann Veltin's does): very often, in my experience, ages on Palatine mss. were "right on the money"; othertimes, off as much as 30 (!!!) years. It's so frustrating sometimes.

I was delighted that Mr. Jones and I agreed on the father of Peter and George. However, I questioned the existence of an older brother Valentin since I felt Veldekoen, Ffellacoons was Philip Peter and that if there were an older brother, he would have been mentioned in our family tradition. To me what appeared in the Hunter Lists (lists compiled for Governor Hunter of New York on the Palatine group in his state) did not refer to our Coan family, but rather to another Conrad Kuhn and his son Valentin. William S. Coons in his Koon-Coons Families of Eastern New York, p. 388, said that Valentin, son of Conrad Kuhns, married Anna Catharine Wies shortly before or after coming to America and had a daughter Johanna Elisabetha Margretta Kuhn, born November 1, 1711. Coons also said (p. 289) he thought there were two Conrad Kuhns: one, the son of Samuel, Jr.; and the other, his brother who had a son Valentin. I think there were three Conrad Kuhns--those two and one more who was never listed in America because he and his wife died at sea, and this third Conrad was the father of Peter and George. All this data I wrote to Mr. Jones, not because I did not value his experienced opinion, but because I did have access to family tradition--Peter born in Worms, Germany in 1697; parents died en route to America; and three boys left: Peter, George, and Abraham, the latter lost after arrival--information which he probably did not have. I mentioned too that on Rupp's listing of apprentices as well as in Coons' references to the Coons boys in his book, the two were Philip and George. I also explained my theory that Philip was Philip Peter. Mr. Jones wrote an excellent reply to my suggestions and questions, but remained firm in his opinion. His letter in its entirety follows:

11 October 1982

Ruth Coan Fulton
11 Loraine Street
Portland, Maine 04103

Dear Mrs. Fulton:

Thank you for your letter of 27 September.

I really appreciate the material and thoughts expressed in your letter. If only all descendants were

as concerned as you are at getting at the truth in a muddled family structure! Your points are interesting, and I want to reply to them:

- 1) I have never seen the German Christian name Johann Valentin transposed to a variant of Johann Peter; I have only seen Johann Dieter(ich) transposed to a variant of Peter in my experience with the 800 families. Thus, if this did happen in your family, it would certainly be a first.
- 2) As to family traditions: I'm trying hard to think in all the 800 families of where a family tradition was 100% true--and I really can't. They usually have the germ of truth in them, but usually are so "fouled up" over the years that they invert generations, change names, transpose lines, etc., making them difficult to accept as Gospel. Therefore, I utilize them in my project as "guides" but not "absolute truths."
- 3) The Hunter Lists were full of errors when compared to actual baptisms, etc. they supposedly reflected in their numbers. Remember that the secretaries were paid out of the money doled out to the 1709ers, so they appear to have pocketed as much as they could before the Palatines ever saw the funds! In addition, in my experience in nearly every instance when a surname was represented by several Palatine families (i.e. the many Schmidt, Muller, Schneider, Kuhn-Cuntz families), the Hunter secretaries mixed up the families. This is easily seen by studying the originals in the Journal section, when members of Valentin Kuhns' family, for example, are moved around in juxtaposition to names from the Samuel Kuhn family, the Philip Launhardt family (his wife was a Kuhn), etc.--all of which show the secretaries were confused with just whom they were recording. This happens again and again on the Schmidt and Muller families! The "Ledger" section was taken from the "Journal", and--out of nowhere--with no basis in the writings in the Journal, the Ledger adds that entry reading "Valentin Kuhn--the son of Conrad Kuhn" to a family which the juxtaposition of names (i.e. Bellinger, Bender, etc.--all of whom originated in the home of Samuel¹ Kuhn at Langenselbold, Germany) show firmly that this particular Valentin Kuhn was a son of Samuel¹!! Remember that the Hunter secretaries did not know the 1709ers as a whole group, especially in 1710 when they first arrived, and the errors in the Hunter Lists re-

flect this. This is hard for someone (like you and I) who are steeped in using documentation to accept, but it was true: that sometimes a source contemporary with the event was dead wrong. I think of Pastor Kocherthal's church-books themselves in this regard: in several instances, he gives a specific ancestral village or town for a certain emigrant, and in several cases, he was wrong as to locale and spelling of the town, even though he was writing about the emigrant who probably was standing right in front of him. This has been proved many times in my German searches. But Kocherthal also didn't "know" his entire flock that well, and also had to deal with some pretty terrible German dialects when writing down entries in a churchbook.

- 4) BEWARE OF RUPP!! He is a whiz at Pennsylvania which was his area of expertise, but was dead wrong quite a few times in his coverage of N.Y. data and families. For one thing, he attributed N.Y. origin for certain Pa. families who never have been documented in N.Y., and also mis-copied N.Y. lists in the case of other families besides your Kuhn group. I use him with respect but caution.
- 5) The Hunter Lists sometimes do not reflect apprentices one way or another! Also sometimes, the head of a family on the Hunter Lists continued to be named the head, even though he may have died shortly after his arrival. (This is true in quite a few cases).

I do agree with you that no one should ever be "locked in" to one train of thought. And just because I eat, breathe, and dream Palatines doesn't mean that I am always right: God help me if I ever get in that position in my own mind! So I am open to your suggestions and thoughts. I just wanted you to know how "the big picture", studying all the other 846 families for these 13 years, and also being familiar with just how reliable the various Palatine mss. are in their original states (they all seem to have quirks, really!!) have made me arrive at my conclusions on your Coan family.

I am alerting my researcher Carla Mittelstaedt-Kubaseck overseas of the high priority of finding your Conrad Kuhn and his sons (hopefully in a village near Worms), and will advise you the moment something turns up. Let's hope the registers are still extant!

Cordially,

/s/ Hank Jones

P.S. William S. Coon's book unfortunately didn't have access to German material on Samuel¹ Kuhn.

All data presently available has been presented. I believe there might have been a fourth brother, Hans Valentin or Hans Philip. In favor of there being this fourth brother are two points:

- a. Hans Veldekoen was listed on the London lists in 1709 as 14 years old, too old for our Peter who was born in 1697. If Peter were Hans Deterkoen, his age in 1709 could have been 11, just as was recorded on the London lists.
- b. There was no mention of Hans Deterkoen on any apprentice list. Apparently, his name was omitted; so he could have been apprenticed not to Heathcote but to Mulford as our tradition said.

One strong point against Mr. Jones' reasoning in my mind is that no fourth brother was mentioned in our family tradition. The youngest brother, Abraham, was mentioned even though no one knew what happened to him. If there was a fourth brother Valentin, he probably died during his apprenticeship since there was no further record of him. But if Abraham were mentioned, why wasn't Valentin? Finally, I question that the Conrad Kuhn of the Hunter Lists was the father of Peter and George.

I am delighted that Mr. Jones is trying to find information on Conrad Kuhns in a village near Worms. I feel if the information is there to be found, his researcher will find it. In the meantime, however, it is important that we all keep on searching!

Note: Mr. Jones' address is: P. O. Box 8341
Universal City, CA 91608

PART TWO

PETER COAN'S DESCENDANTS

Names of the several Persons who sent their Children to Azariah Egleston's School, kept by Amasa Glezen—viz., from the 23^d day of April to the 17th day of July 1792, both days included, being for the first Quarter.

	DAYS.		£.	S.	D.
Thaddeus Thompson	201	3 Scholars per day $\frac{2}{3}$ quarter	1	2	0
Caleb Hyde, Jun.	75	1 ^d $\frac{1}{4}$ per day 2 Scholars	"	9	0
Azariah Egleston	196				
Ebenezer Bement	168	3 Scholars per day $\frac{2}{3}$ quarter	1	2	0
Abigail Willard	114	2 Scholars " " "	"	15	"
Daniel Fellows	111	2 Scholars " " "	"	18	"
David Bosworth	127	" " " " "	1	"	"
Nathan Rosseter	214	3	1	2	0
Thomas Rockwell	74	2 Scholars	"	9	5
Enos Stone	184	3 Scholars			
Elias Willard, Jr.	87	2 Scholars			
Rufus Parker	70				
Samuel Monson	140				
Moses Way	137				
John Willard	65	1 Scholar per day $\frac{2}{3}$ quarter	"	7	0
Simon Bow	43	1 Scholar	"	4	0
Jacob Rash	74	$\frac{3}{4}$ p ^d			
Daniel Meeker	9				
Stephen Cruttenden	162				
Oliver Root	159				
Joseph Denham	82				
Jon ^s Hinsdale	64	1 Scholar per day $\frac{2}{3}$ quarter			
John Stoughton	60				
Gustavus Stoughton	113	2 Scholars per day 7			
Dayton Fuller	27	1 Scholar			
Charles Mattoon	57	1 Do.			
Joseph Barker	46				
Eldad Lewis	22				
Jacob Coan	52				
Oliver Wheten	7				
Abner Bangs	26				
Caleb Hyde	35				
Gam ^l B. Whiting	7				
Seth Hibbard	1				
	3,009				

I do hereby certify that I kept the School as above mentioned & that Az^z Egleston, Esq., imployed & p^d me for Teaching said School & found a house for s^d School & was at the whole expense of it & I further certify, that the above n^o of Days as set ag^t each person is the n^o of Days they sent to s^d School.

LENEX July 15th 1792. AMASA GLEZEN.

(Endorsed on outside.)

School bill for the School taught by Mr. Amasa Glezen from the 23^d Day of April to the 17th Day of July 1792 both Days included S^d School having been a private one set up & supported by A. Egleston, Esq.

This one of a number of such accounts.

Jacob Coan listed among parents on Major Egleston's school bill, 1792. Courtesy New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 23.

CHAPTER 2

COANS ON THE MOVE

JACOB² COAN AND DESCENDANTS; MARTHA² COAN

Principal Sources used in this chapter:

Winifred Lovering Holman, Coan Lineage and Coan Addenda, typed, bound manuscripts in the New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston, Massachusetts; the former was compiled for Mrs. Folwell Welles Coan in 1957-1960, the latter was compiled for Miss Martha Jeanne Coan and Mr. Theodore H. Smith in 1961.

Virginia Catherine Coan Wiles, History of the Coan Family of America, 1963 (Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Department Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Microfilm No. 525,726); History of the Coan Family of America, Vol. II, 1979 (Collection of Roger A. and Margaret S. Ruth, 390 Rock Beach Road, Rochester, NY 14617). Also both volumes are in the D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C., and the Western Reserve Historical Society Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

Theodore H. Smith, Winter Park Towers, 1111 South Lakemont Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32792

Other References: Given in the text and after biographies where they have been used.

JACOB² COAN (Peter¹) was born January 24, 1728, in East Hampton, Long Island, New York, the son of Peter¹ and Hannah (Davis) Coan. He was baptized February 4, 1728, in the first church in East Hampton by the second minister of that church, Nathaniel Huntting. Peter was baptized the same day as his son. There is no official record of the date of Jacob's birth except for a copy of a page from Jacob's Bible where he recorded the births of his children, his wife's date of birth, and his own. This copy was found among some old papers by Claudius Collins Coan, Jacob's grandson. Claudius sent it to his daughter Phoebe who was interested in genealogy and wrote an account of the Coan family. On the copy was written: "I send you grandfather's family record as it was recorded in his own hand in the Holy Bible."

About 1737 Peter Coan moved his family to North Guilford, Connecticut, where he purchased a farm. It was here that Jacob grew up. In August, 1757, he participated in the

expedition at Fort William Henry in the Old French War. He is listed on "a muster Role of Men Detacht out of ye 7th ridgment and put under ye Command of Nathil Johnson Capt of ye 2nd Company in the present Expedition at fort Wm Henry" (Bernard Christian Steiner, A History of the Plantation of Menunkatuck and of the Original Town of Guilford, Connecticut [Baltimore: by the author, 1897], p. 423).

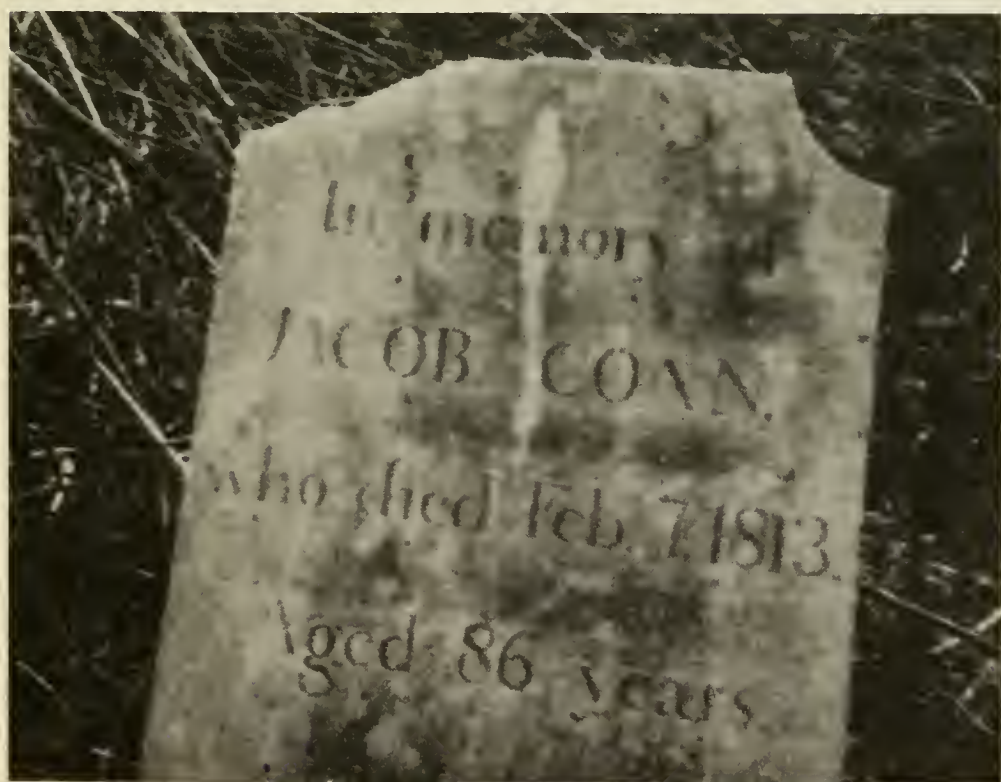
Jacob responded to the "Alarm for Relief of fort Willm Henery and Parts adjacent" and served 15 days. There were 80 men in Captain Johnson's Company, 61 of whom "rode horses from Guilford." In all probability he was one of the 61. (Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, Vol. IX, p. 212).

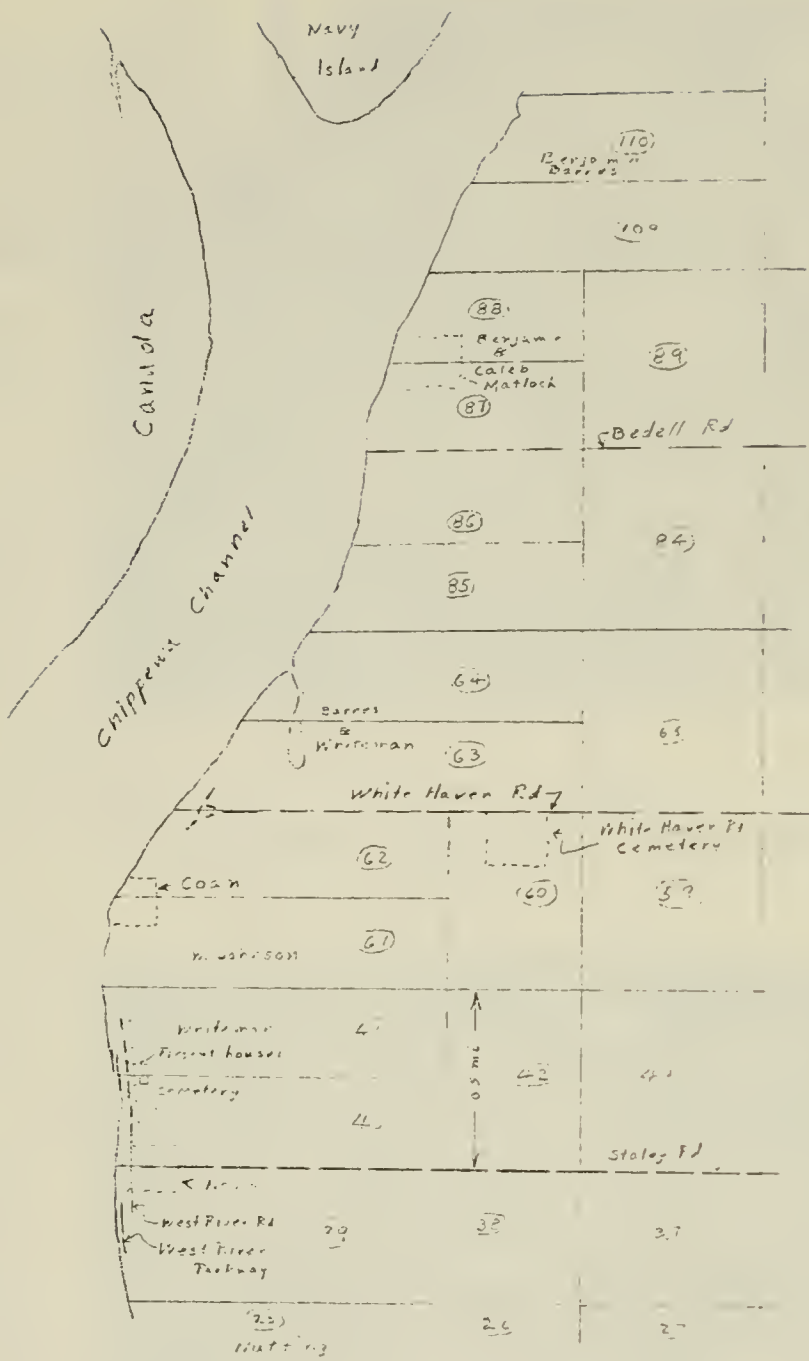
On May 5, 1754, Jacob married Luranda Collins, born December 25, 1733, daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (Hall) Collins. Luranda was a lineal descendant of Governor William Leete of the Connecticut Colony; her great grandfather, John Leete, the son of Governor Leete, was the first free white child born in Guilford, Connecticut. Luranda, through Governor Leete, was a direct descendant of Charlemagne and King John of England.

Jacob, like many people of that time, wanted to get away from the "crowded" coastal areas. He moved northwest to Massachusetts to the Lenox-Stockbridge area. He and Luranda were members of the Congregational Church in Lenox. His cattle brand was a swallow tail on left ear and half penny on both sides of right ear. Although Jacob enjoyed living in an undeveloped area, he was still concerned about the education of his family. In 1792 he enrolled one of his children, probably Augustus, in a private school in Lenox and was prompt in his payments, as indicated by an account sheet kept by the teacher (see copy of listing of parents with children in Azariah Egleston's school as found in Thomas Egleston's article, "Major Azariah Egleston of the Revolutionary Army," New York Genealogical and Biographical Record [New York: published by the Society, July, 1892], Vol. 23, p. 120). Jacob's slow trek west continued into eastern New York. Here he died February 7, 1813, aged 85 (86, according to his gravestone). Luranda died October 14, 1814. They were both buried in Vail Mills Cemetery, near Mayfield, New York. This small cemetery was located in the center of Vail Mills. In 1982 when the graveyard was visited by the compiler, it was back from the main street about 125 feet, behind a mobile home. It was visible from the road, however; and Jacob's stone was at the southwest corner. His stone was intact, but leaning backwards; and the inscription was still clear. Luranda's stone, next to Jacob's, was broken in half with the top half stuck into the ground. Her inscription was still quite legible; and her date of death was October 14, not 15, as given in some records. The year read 1811, but the spacing between the two 1's in 1811 indicated the final 1 was probably a 4 (see picture of gravestones).



Graves of Jacob and Luranda Coan, Vail Mills, New York. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.





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Map of Grand Island

Children (3) COAN

- i. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 20, 1755
- ii. William, b. Oct. 14, 1757
- iii. Elisha, b. July 4, 1760
- iv. Luranda, b. Dec. 7, 1762
- v. Jacob, b. Apr. 24, 1765; d. Jan. 27, 1767
- vi. Jacob, b. Oct. 18, 1767; died young
- vii. Phoebe, b. Apr. 16, 1770
- viii. Roxana, b. Nov. 28, 1772
- ix. Augustus, b. Oct. 1, 1775
- x. Hannah (Fanny), b. Feb. 18, 1781; m. Jese Allen

References: "Queries," Genealogical Department, Connecticut Quarterly, Vol. 2, 1895, p. 399.

Alvan Talcott, Guilford, Connecticut Families
(copy of original manuscript in Town Clerk's Office,
Guilford, Connecticut).

ELIZABETH³ COAN (Jacob², Peter¹) was born February 20, 1755, the first child of Jacob and Luranda (Collins) Coan. She married Nathan Hinckley. She married second Richard Ely, who was born in 1752, son of Richard and Mary (Pearson) Ely of Hector, New York, as his third wife. (Family tradition has her marrying Major Ezra Smith of Burlington, Vermont. [Wesley Burgess Coan's Genealogical Notes]. The compiler has been unable to find any records to support this marriage.) Richard died in 1840; Elizabeth, in 1845.

Children (4) HINCKLEY

- i. Ann, b. 1797

Reference: Moses S. Beach and William Ely collectors; edited by George B. Vanderpeel, The Ely Ancestry (New York: Cabinet Press, 1902), pp. 121, 228.

ANN⁴ HINCKLEY, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Coan) Hinckley, was born in 1797. In 1823 she married Hector Ely, who was born in 1796, the son of Richard and Eustatia Bushnell (Lag) Ely. Hector died in 1865 and Ann in 1874.

Children (5) ELY

- i. Franklin Pratt, b. 1823; m. Frances Louisa Stevens: one son, Myron, b. 1858, m. Ida May Reynolds; d. 1860
- ii. Andrew Jackson, b. 1825; d. 1829

- iii. Helen Ann, b. 1829; m. Nathaniel Madison Matthews: one daughter, Adelaide, b. 1865
- iv. Hector, b. 1834, m. Phebe Jane Clawson: children--Willisford, b. 1861; Clarence, b. 1868; Anna Helen, b. 1875

Reference: Beach and Ely, The Ely Ancestry, pp. 228, 356.

WILLIAM³ COAN (Jacob², Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, October 14, 1757, son of Jacob and Luranda (Collins) Coan. William had a long service in the Continental Army in the American Revolution. He enlisted from both Stockbridge and Lenox, Massachusetts, and served continually 1777-1783. He served in Captain Ezra Whittelsey's Company, Captain Stoddard's Company, and Captain Jeremiah Miller's Company--all in Colonel Vose's Regiment. He was based at a camp near Valley Forge, reported sick at Fishkill, then served at Providence and Cumberland.

In 1780 he was a private in Captain Charles Dibble's Company, Rossiter's 3rd Berkshire County Regiment. In 1781 he was with the same company and was described as "age, 23; stature, 5 ft. 10 in.; complexion, light; hair, light; occupation, laborer; residence, Lenox." Between 1781 and 1782 he served at West Point, Phillipsburg, Dobbs Ferry, Peekskill, and New Hutts; in August of 1781 he was promoted to corporal. (For complete service record see Massachusetts Soldiers in the War of the Revolution, [Boston: Wright and Potter Printing Co., 1897], Vol. 3, pp. 658, 659.)

William married Roxana Chadwick, sister of Asa and Cornelius Chadwick, and in 1785 they lived in the village of Northampton, Montgomery County (now Fulton County), New York where their eldest son, Jacob, was born. By 1798 (and probably by 1790), they lived in the town of Mayfield, which is immediately south of Northampton. On July 19, 1798, William and Roxana sold to John Anderson thirty acres of land in lot 242 in the eastern division of Kingsborough, town of Mayfield; on February 4, 1805, they acknowledged the deed before a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, and the deed was recorded on October 29, 1808. In the meantime, on February 28, 1798, William Coan (spelled "Coon" in the deed record book) and his brother-in-law, Asa Chadwick, both of Montgomery County, New York, had bought 600 acres of land in the township of Locke, Onandaga County, New York (Cayuga County after 1799). On April 30, 1805, Asa Chadwick of Locke sold 106 acres of land to William Coan of Locke. Thus we see that William and Roxana had moved to Cayuga County by April, 1805. Their fifth son, Collins was born there in 1806. It is believed that Roxana died soon afterwards, perhaps in childbirth, but no proof has been found.

William Coan does not appear in Locke in the census of 1810, although his brother-in-law, Asa Chadwick, was there.

It is believed that he had taken four of his sons, Jacob, William, Asa and Collins (Charles probably remained in Johnstown with his uncle and aunt, Caleb and Phebe³ Coan Johnson when his parents moved to Cayuga County) to Upper Canada, where Jacob⁴ Coan's second child, Roxana, was born on August 29, 1810. They probably all moved back to the United States as the War of 1812 loomed up, because Jacob's third child, William P. Coan, was born in Cambria, Niagara County, New York, on November 24, 1812, and William⁴ enlisted for service in the New York State militia at Bloomfield, (near Victor, where his Uncle Elisha³ Coan and family lived), Ontario County, New York, on September 15, 1813. Asa⁴ Coan's daughter, Sabra A. (Coan) Cox, in a Bounty Land War-rant claim, stated that her father had served in the same company with William⁴ but his name was not found on a company roll. William³ may have lived in Cambria with his son Jacob--it is only about fifteen miles from where he spent the last ten years of his life--but it was stated in Coan Record by George R. Coan of New Haven, Connecticut, that William went to Victor, New York; if that is so, this is the most likely time.

By 1817 William had moved to Grand Island in the Niagara River between Buffalo and Niagara Falls. In September, 1821, he applied for a pension for his military service in the American Revolution, stating that he had "resided for the last four years on the unsold lands belonging to the State of New York lying on Grand Island in the town of Niagara and the County aforesaid." His family consisted of his wife, aged fifty-eight and his wife's granddaughter, aged eight years. He stated that he had property worth twenty-seven dollars but that he owed a debt of fifty dollars; that he was a farmer but was not able to perform much labor because of an injury he had received the previous spring while logging. William gave a detailed list of his service, beginning January 1, 1776, at Lenox, Massachusetts, and ending in the autumn of 1783 at West Point, New York. He stated that he had taken part in the battles of Princeton, Saratoga and Monmouth. Although William stated that he was sixty-eight years of age, he was actually only sixty-four, since he was born in 1757. He was given credit for three years' service and received a pension of eight dollars per month.

Grand Island was acquired by the State of New York in the peace settlement of the War of 1812. It belonged to the Seneca Indians and was purchased from them by New York in 1815. In 1824 it was made a part of the town of Buffalo and was annexed to Erie County, which had been set off from Niagara County in 1822. In 1824 the state arranged to have it surveyed by S. D. Kellogg and James Tanner in the months of October and November. At that time there were many "squatters" on the island; the survey notes mention about twenty "improvements" which were inhabited, including one in Lots 61 and 62 on the western shore which belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Coan. Lot 61 also had an improvement by W. Johnson, who may have been related to Mrs. Coan.

On August 7, 1827, William made his will (a copy of which is included herewith.) He probably died soon afterwards and his will was probated in the town of Lewiston, Niagara County, New York, on November 28, 1827. Most of his property (which consisted principally of livestock, crops and household goods) was left to his wife Salome, and some to Susan Johnson (probably his wife's granddaughter) and to his sons Jacob and Collins Coan. Since all he left to his sons was livestock and crops,⁴ it would not have been practical to have left such to Asa⁴, who lived in Adams County, Ohio, or to William⁴, who lived in Knox County, Indiana. His son Charles had died June 7, 1822, in Johnstown, New York.

³ William Coan has never been found in a census under his correct name. He is thought to have been the William Coone listed in the 1790 census in the town of Caughnawago, Montgomery County, New York, with one male sixteen and upward, two males under sixteen, and three females. He certainly had two sons under sixteen but he is not known to have had any daughters. Perhaps two of his sisters or two of Roxana's kin were living with him. The Montgomery County census of 1800 had many pages on which names are now missing, and William's name may be one of them. He was not found in Cayuga County in 1800. He was not found in the New York census of 1810, and he is believed to have been in Canada at that time. He did not appear in the census of 1820 because apparently Grand Island was not covered in it.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Jacob, b. July 15, 1785
- ii. Charles, b. 1789/1790
- iii. William, b. April 25, 1791
- iv. Asa, b. July 24, 1795
- v. Collins, b. 1806

NOTE: As late as 1789 Montgomery County, New York, comprised the western sixty percent of the state. In 1790 it consisted of eleven "towns," of which four later became counties of the same names. The town of Caughnawaga included one third of the present Montgomery County and all of Fulton and Hamilton counties; it included the present towns of Johnstown, Mayfield, Broadalbin, and Northampton, which are of interest to us. Thus in 1790, William may still have lived in Northampton or may already have moved to Mayfield. The deed showing his purchase of the land in Lot 242 is not on record, so it is no help.

Reference: Theodore³ H. Smith wrote the entire article on William³ for this genealogy.

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WILLIAM COAN'S WILL

In the name of God amen---

I William Coan of the undivided lands commonly called Grand Island in the State of New York farmer, being verry sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory and understanding (blessed be God for the same) but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life - do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following . to wit Principally and first of all I commend my immortal Soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, and as to such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner to wit First it is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Salome four cows of which she is to have her choice out of my flock. She is also to have one pair of working cattle to wit the old ones, together with my farming utensils, namely, one plow, one harrow three sythes and their hingsings. I also give unto my said wife the whole of my wheat and likewise my corn and potatoes that are now in and upon the ground, and she is likewise to have one hog. Item I give and bequeath unto my said wife the use and occupation of the farm of which I am now in possession untill the proprietors shall make arrangement in opposition to that privilege. Item. I give and bequeath unto my said wife my beds and bedding together with the whole of my household furniture and kitchen utensils. I give and bequeath unto Susan Johnson one cow which she may choose next after my said wife has made her several choices. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Colins one cow and one pair of young oxen. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob two calves. Item I devise that my fodder be so divided between my said wife and my son Colins that the stock that I have left my said wife may be decently wintered upon that part which is in the barn and Colins to have the remainder. It is also to be understood that in case of the death of my said son Colins in an unmarried state and without issue that I do order and direct that the legacy or share of my son colins is to be added to the legacy of my son Jacob. And lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my said wife Anthony Ribald

and Richard Elsworth all of Grand Issland to be the Executors of this my last will and testament here by revoking all other wills legacies and bequests by me heretofore made and declaring this and no

other to be my last Will and testament--

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty seven. Signed sealed published pronou-
-nced and declared by the said testator as his last Will and testament, in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have subscribed as witnesses

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Nehemiah Mand			
Nathan Porter			

Niagara County Be it remembered. That on the twenty eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven. personally ap-
-peared before me Willard Smith Esquire Surrogate of the County of Niagara Nathan Porter who being duly sworn did depose and say. That he the deponent saw William Coan late of the county of Niagara, deceased Sign & Seal the written instrument, then shown unto him of which the foregoing is a true copy, purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said William Coan deceased, bearing date the seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven-- That at the time thereof the sid William Coan was of a sound disposing mind and memory to the best of the knowledge and belief of him the deponent, and that he the deponent and Richard Elsworth and Nehemiah Mand subscribed their names as witnesses to the Said will in the presence of each other and in the presence of the Testator

Willard Smith Surrogate

JACOB⁴ COAN (William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 15, 1785, at Northampton, Montgomery County (since 1838, Fulton County), New York, about fifteen miles from Vail Mills. He was the son of William and Roxana (Chadwick) Coan. On August 15, 1807, at Locke, Cayuga County, New York, he married Rhoda Wattles, who was born January 19, 1788, at Ballston, Saratoga County, New York, daughter of William, Jr., and Eunice (Parke) Wattles. Jacob drowned in Buffalo Creek, Buf-

falo, New York, November 19, 1834, aged 49. Rhoda died October 9, 1850, at Waukesha, Wisconsin. The many places Jacob and Rhoda lived can be noted from the places in which their twelve children were born.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Charles Wattles, b. Aug. 13, 1808
- ii. Roxanna, b. Aug. 29, 1810; d. Mar. 3, 1879, Rising
- iii. William P., b. Nov. 24, 1812, Cambria, Niagara County, N.Y.; d. Jan. 19, 1813
- iv. Wesley, b. May 22, 1812 [prob. 1814], Locke, N.Y.; d. Apr. 21, 1815
- v. Cyrus, b. Sept. 4, 1816
- vi. Fanny, b. Mar. 1819, Salina, Onondaga County, N.Y.; d. Sept. 23, 1821
- vii. James, b. Dec. 14, 1821, Salina, N.Y.; d. Sept. 13, 1822
- viii. Jane, b. Aug. 12, 1823
- ix. Caroline, b. June 26, 1821 [prob. 1825-27]
- x. Y.L.C., b. July 23, 1829, Syracuse, N.Y.
- xi. Franklin, b. May 26, 1834 [prob. 1831], Buffalo, N.Y.
- xii. William I., b. July 9, 1833, Buffalo, N.Y.; d. Aug. 7, 1906, Buffalo, N.Y.

Records From The Family Bible) of Jacob and Rhoda (Wattles) Coan

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Jacob Coan	Born July 15, 1785, Northampton, Montgomery County. Died Nov. 19, 1834, Drowned in Buffalo Creek, body found June 16, 1835.
Rhoda Wattles	Born Jan. 19, 1788, Ballston, Saratoga County. Died Oct. 9, 1850, at Waukesha, Wisc. Married Aug. 15, 1807, at Locks, Cayuga County, N.Y.
Charles W. Coan	Born Aug. 13, 1808, at Locke.
Roxanna Coan	Born Aug. 29, 1810, at Upper Canada. Died March 3, 1879, at Rising.
William P. Coan	Born Nov. 24, 1812, at Cambria, Niagara County. Died Jan. 19, 1813.
Wesley Coan	Born May 22, 1812 [prob. 1814] at Locke. Died Apr. 21, 1815.
Cyrus Coan	Born Sept. 4, 1816, at Locke. Died Dec. 18, 1896, at Bristol, Kenosha Co., Wisc.

Fanny Coan	Born March, 1819, at Salina, Onondago Co. Died Sept. 23, 1821.
James Coan	Born Dec. 14, 1821, at Salina. Died Sept. 13, 1822.
Jane Coan	Born Aug. 12, 1823, at Salina.
Caroline Coan	Born June 26, 1821, [prob. 1825-27].
Y. L. C. Coan	Born July 23, 1829 at Syracuse.
Franklin Coan	Born May 26, 1834 [prob. 1831] in Buffalo, N.Y.
William I. Coan	Born July 9, 1833, in Buffalo, N.Y. Died [Aug. 7], 1906, in Buffalo, N.Y.

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Marriages

Roxanna Coan and	married Sept. 18, 1831.
Albert Orson Baker	
Jane Coan and	married July 20, 1848.
John Burhans	
Caroline Coan and	married July 20, 18 [48]
J. R. Denio	
William I. Coan and	married
Mary Webster	

[Notes: Northampton is in what is now Fulton Co., N.Y.: in 1788, Saratoga Co. was part of Albany Co., N.Y.; Charles (Wattles) Coan m. Cecelia Vaughn, March 9, 1848; Mary Webster was b. 1829; d. 1905.]

The above records were transcribed many years ago by Miss Ethel Mason Coan, granddaughter of William I.⁵ Coan, from the Family Bible of Jacob and Rhoda Coan, which has since been destroyed. Information in brackets added by T. H. Smith, 800 Edinburgh St., San Mateo, California. In 1983 T. H. Smith's address was 1111 South Lakemont Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32792.

Note: Mr. Smith believes Y.L.C., son of Jacob⁴, was probably misread. It should have been C.L.C.--Claudius Lysias Collins. He would have been named³ for Luranda Collins Coan's brother for whom Elisha³, William³,



Charles Wattles Coan



Cecelia Vaughn Coan



*Harriet Isobel Bullock, wife of
Henry Vaughn Coan*



(left to right) Edward Milton Coan, Fanny Sweetser Coan, Marie Lovena Schwind Coan, William Ford Coan



Edward and Marie Coan with Marjorie Isobel in the carriage

William⁴, and Asa⁴ all named sons. No member of the Collins family had the initials Y. L. C.

CHARLES WATTLES⁵ COAN AND DESCENDANTS

The following material on Charles Wattles⁵ Coan and his descendants has been taken from the manuscript, History of the Coan Family of America by Virginia Catherine⁸ Coan Wiles with her permission. It is the history of her line of descent. The information has been reorganized and rearranged by the compiler to correspond with the format of this book, but the facts were researched, recorded, and detailed by Mrs. Wiles. She also contributed all the illustrations for this section except for two whose donors have been noted.

CHARLES WATTLES⁵ COAN (Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born at Locke, Cayuga County, New York, August 13, 1808, the son of Jacob and Rhoda (Wattles) Coan. In his teens he went to sea on a whaler out of Nantucket. According to an Erie County, New York, deed, dated April 11, 1836, he married first Mary Ann _____. About 1846 he returned to the Buffalo area of New York State, and March 9, 1848, he married second Cecelia Vaughn of Buffalo. (There was no record of what happened to Mary Ann.) Cecelia was born in Thompsonstown, New York, August 27, 1815, the daughter of George and Betsey (McKee) Vaughn of Thompsonstown and East Hartford, Connecticut. Charles was a saloon keeper in Buffalo. Cecelia was very religious, and brought their children up strictly. The all-boy family was well educated for the times and had the social graces. By the 1860s Charles had moved his family to Cleveland, Ohio, where he purchased another saloon. He died in Cleveland in 1887; Cecelia died there also.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Charles S., b. Jan. 14, 1849
- ii. Henry Vaughn, b. April 20, 1851
- iii. Frederick, b. April 20, 1853
- iv. Albert Alexander, b. Jan. 31, 1855
- v. Amos, b. Oct. 28, 1856, Buffalo, N.Y.; d. Sept. 25, 1858, Buffalo

CHARLES S.⁶ COAN (Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born January 14, 1849, in Buffalo, New York, the son of Charles Wattles and Cecelia (Vaughn) Coan. He married and had two sons; worked as a printer and in a livery stable; died in Cleveland, Ohio.

Children (7) COAN

- i. John
- ii. Frank

HENRY VAUGHN⁶ COAN (Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Buffalo, New York, April 20, 1851, the son of Charles Wattles and Cecelia (Vaughn) Coan. Henry, along with his brother Albert, was an accomplished soft-shoe dancer. He also was very athletic and enjoyed baseball especially. In 1875 in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Harriet Isobel Bullock. Her mother died when she was born in 1854, and a wealthy aunt brought her up. This aunt did not like Henry and would have nothing more to do with her niece when she married him.

Henry operated a small bakery in Cleveland; and despite her wealthy upbringing, Hattie did her share in the bakery and was a good wife. She loved to entertain. When her Grandfather Gould died, she inherited some money; but neither she nor Henry could hang on to money, and they went through it.

Harriet was never well after her fourth son Frank was born. On September 19, 1905, in Cleveland she died of consumption and was buried in Lake View Cemetery. Frank was then twelve years old.

After her death Henry took Frank and went to visit his son William who was married and living in New York City. Through William's wife Fanny, a pianist, Henry met Eudora Parkhurst, a violinist, who was playing a summer engagement in a New Jersey hotel with Fanny. Henry courted Eudora and persuaded her to go with him to Isle of Pines south of Cuba where he had invested in a citrus grove. They were married in Havana on their arrival July 7, 1909, and lived on Isle of Pines. Here they had three sons, the first two, twins. Henry took up Christian Science; and when Sydney, one of the twins, developed diphtheria, Henry would allow no medical aid. Sydney died.

When World War I broke out, Henry took his family back to the States. They settled in Royal Oak, Michigan, where at age 67 Henry worked as a brick layer. He could outwork all the younger men on the crew. At age 70 he was doing handsprings on the shore of Lake Erie. He died at Royal Oak April 17, 1950, aged 99. Eudora died at Royal Oak May 26, 1961.

Children (7) COAN

Children by Harriet

- i. Harry, b. 1876, Cleveland, Ohio; d. 1878
- ii. William Ford, b. Nov. 25, 1872
- iii. Edward Milton, b. June 2, 1877
- iv. Frank Perry, b. Nov. 18, 1893

Children by Eudora

- v. Sydney V., b. Apr. 25, 1910, twin, Isle of Pines, Cuba; d. Aug. 28, 1923, diphtheria
- vi. Wallace S., b. Apr. 25, 1910, twin, Isle of Pines, Cuba
- vii. Melvin G., b. Jan. 18, 1914, Isle of Pines, Cuba; d. July 20, 1931, Royal Oak, Michigan; broken neck from a diving accident

WILLIAM FORD⁷ COAN (Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born November 25, 1872, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Henry Vaughn and Harriet (Bullock) Coan. He had a fine tenor voice; and with his brother Edward, who was a bass, plus a friend, he made up a trio which sang at various functions. The trio won first prize in a Welsh singing contest, quite an honor since the Welsh were considered top singers in Cleveland. William and Edward sang in the Baptist choir and belonged to several singing societies.

William went to New York to pursue his singing career. He married Fanny Sweetzer October 4, 1904, in Cobleskill, New York. She was a talented pianist and organist.

After a long singing engagement in 1910, William came home ill. His little daughter Fanny kissed him. He had diphtheria which she contracted also. Both were in the hospital, and Fanny, his wife, couldn't see them since she was pregnant with her third child. Little Fanny died, and William lost his voice. He turned to auditing and worked in New York Trust Company until he retired in 1941. He died in New York City March 16, 1949; his wife died in 1961.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Fanny Elizabeth, b. June 16, 1905, New York City; d. Apr. 11, 1910
- ii. Henry Everett, b. July 4, 1908
- iii. Robert Ford, b. June 5, 1910

HENRY EVERETT⁸ COAN (William F.⁷, Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 4, 1908, the son of William Ford and Fanny (Sweetzer) Coan. November 22, 1936, he married Frances Chemworth who was born March 5, 1910. In 1963 he was Assistant Manager of Dry Docks Savings Bank in Yonkers, New York, and his daughter Frances was studying at Potsdam School of Music. She inherited her grandfather William's singing voice.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Frances E., b. 1942
- ii. William E., b. Aug. 1945, Yonkers, N.Y.

ROBERT FORD⁸ COAN (William F.⁷, Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born June 4, 1910, the son of William Ford and Fanny (Sweetzer) Coan. He married Barbara Geisz October 26, 1936. In 1963 he was associated with Guarantee Insurance Company.

Children (9) COAN

i. Linda Ann, b. Apr., 1942

EDWARD MILTON⁷ COAN (Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born June 2, 1877, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Henry Vaughn and Harriet (Bullock) Coan. Edward never finished high school. He had to leave at the end of his junior year to go to work in his father's bakery. He was very much disappointed to have no more education. He was a very talented pianist and accompanied the singing trio he and his brother William had with a friend. At the age of 22 he was composing music. He also had real artistic ability. He did water colors and was excellent in portraits. Along with William he sang in the Baptist church choir where he met his wife.

April 21, 1904, he married Marie Lovena Schwind, who was born in Cleveland September 27, 1876, daughter of Charles Lincoln and Catherine (Hopp) von Schwind. (They'd dropped the von by this time.) They had a large social wedding in the Parmley Hotel ballroom in Painesville, Ohio. It took three dressmakers three weeks to make the wedding gown. It was later the bridal gown of Marie's second daughter Virginia Catherine. Marie wore the hourglass gown to a ball shortly before the premature birth of their first child Marjorie Isobel December 22, 1904, in East Cleveland, Ohio. Edward was working then as an accountant at the New York Central Railroad office in Cleveland.

August 11, 1906, before Marie had really recovered from the birth of the first baby, Virginia Catherine was born. Work was slow, and Edward's finances were at a low ebb, so they had to move to another apartment. It was very inconvenient--upstairs, no sink, no drain, and all water had to be carried up and down. Here they stayed three years.

Henry, Edward's father, was doing so well at Isle of Pines that Edward, Marie, and Marie's parents purchased land there and had it planted with acres of pineapple, oranges, and grapefruit. In 1909 when work was slow in Cleveland, Edward and his family moved to Isle of Pines.

The boat from Havana to Isle of Pines had only a rope rail, so the parents had to hold the two children. When they landed, they were taken by mule team to the hotel, a very poor accommodation. Ed's father met them and took them to his house at Neuva Gerona. It was a large house, but had flimsy construction. The groves were beautiful, but the feel of the jungle was all around.



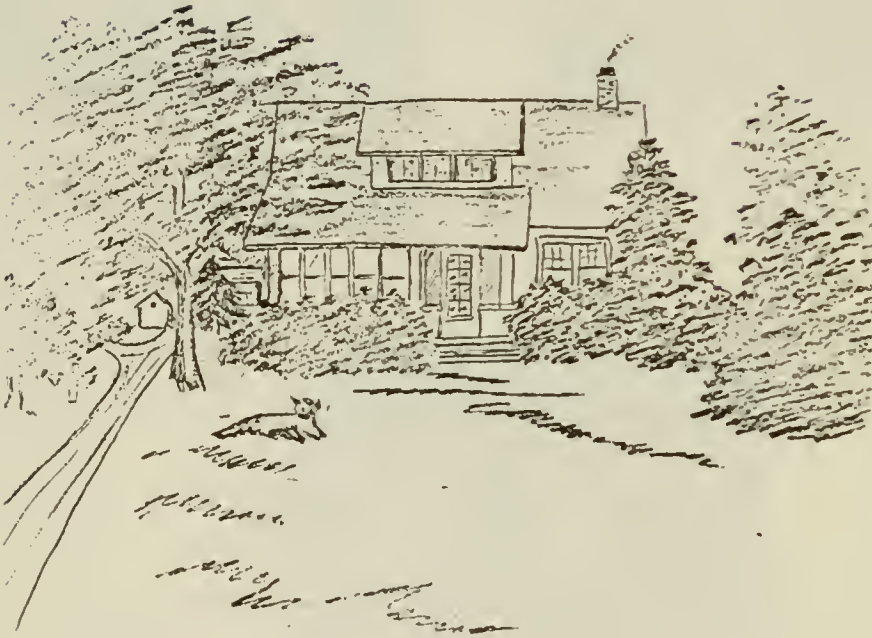
*Virginia Catherine Coan and
Marjorie Isobel Coan*



*Edward Milton Coan and his son
Edward Rollin Coan, 1928.*



*Edward Milton Coan and Marie
L.S. Coan, 1904*



Sketches by Virginia Catherine Coan Wiles. (top) Wedding dress of Marie Von Schwind Coan in 1904 and her daughter Virginia Coan Wiles in 1935. (bottom) "Arden," summer home of Edward and Marie Coan in Mentor Headlands, Ohio.

At Henry's they slept under net canopies after the beds were searched for snakes. One morning Edward found a scorpion in his shoe. Marie decided she'd never live here; she was homesick. However, after vowing to herself to return to the States, she set about having a good time while she was there. At a ball she and Edward attended they met Cleveland people who discouraged them. These people said that the Island schools were poor; that the land was not what it was reputed to be; and that Edward and Marie should just have a vacation and keep their things in storage in Mobile.

After three weeks they returned to New Orleans and visited an aunt of Marie's who urged them to stay. Marjorie and Virginia contracted the measles and were cared for by a colored nurse while Marie and Edward went sightseeing. Edward found a job at the post office, but a month later he was offered his old job at the New York Central in Cleveland; so the family returned to East Cleveland. Edward and Marie were soon in the social swing there. Marie joined the Sewing Club; and they both joined the Mozart Choir, the Fortnightly Music Club, and were charter members of the Twenty-Forty Club. Marie sang contralto, and Edward had a fine bass voice.

To help financially because the trip south had wiped out their savings, Edward and Marie made chowchow (chili sauce and piccalilli). It was bottled, labeled, and sold at Chandler and Rudd Company. Also, Marie boarded teachers. Edward enrolled at International Correspondence Schools and studied every phase of auditing and related subjects. He became an authority and lectured at meetings and conventions.

In 1912 Helen Marie was born, and the New York Central moved its offices to New York. Ed was asked to go, but he didn't. He obtained independent jobs, but had to travel a great deal. He and Marie decided to move to Mentor Headlands, Ohio, near Marie's parents where she owned a three-acre lot. Here, overlooking the lake, Edward built an eight room house. Next, Edward became a traveling auditor for Cleveland Trust Company, and Marie began to take summer boarders. They lived three years at the Headlands. Then Edward was made assistant head of the auditing department of Cleveland Trust Company and all its branches. In 1918 the family returned to Cleveland, but still spent summers at Mentor Headlands.

Edward died March 18, 1946, at Painesville, Ohio. Marie died there August 18, 1954. They were both buried in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, Ohio

Children (8) COAN

- i. Marjorie Isobel, b. Dec. 22, 1904
- ii. Virginia Catherine, b. Aug. 11, 1906
- iii. Helen Marie, b. Apr. 13, 1912
- iv. Edward Rollin, b. May 7, 1921

MARJORIE ISOBEL⁸ COAN (Edward M.⁷, Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born December 22, 1904 in East Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Edward Milton and Marie (Schwind) Coan. She inherited her father's musical ability and her mother's voice. While the family lived at Mentor Headlands, she and Virginia attended a one-room country school with fifteen pupils. She went on to graduate in 1925 from the College for Women (later called Flora Stone Mather College), Western Reserve University. She received her master's degree in psychiatric social work from the school of Applied Social Sciences at Western Reserve University. Marjorie worked for the state welfare association in Florida, was associated with the Cleveland Child Guidance Clinic, and for a time was a social worker for Children's Services in Cleveland.

November 28, 1934, she married her childhood sweetheart Arthur Wetzels, born November 30, 1906, at Bellevue, Ohio, the foster child of William and Eliza Wetzels of Mentor Headlands, Ohio. Marjorie and Arthur were married in Morgantown, West Virginia, and settled in Vero Beach, Florida where they bought several orange groves. After a year they returned to Cleveland, and Arthur went to work for Lincoln Electric where he stayed until 1945 when he bought a bulldozer and went into business for himself. Although he never went beyond the eighth grade, since his foster parents did not believe in education, he educated himself and became a very well-informed and financially successful business man.

After World War II Marjorie and Arthur bought the west section of the Schwind farm at Mentor Headlands and built a house there. When Arthur's foster mother died, they moved into the Wetzels house to care for an aged aunt. They were both very active in community affairs. Marjorie was for many years Sunday School superintendent for the North Mentor Church. They were sponsors and supervisors for the community building for teens; and Arthur offered his services and those of his machines to help build the church and community center. He died suddenly of a heart attack August 18, 1960.

Marjorie operated nine rental cottages at Mentor Headlands. On May 24, 1964, the Mentor Headlands Community Association presented to her, and posthumously to Arthur, a plaque dedicating the new addition--the children's recreational hall--to them for their work in organizing the center, for their continual efforts over the years to keep it running, and finally for their help with its building. She was general manager and head of the Building Fund Committee, a member of the Mentor School Board, the Mentor Marsh Committee, and the National Mental Health Association. She died June 23, 1967, in Cleveland.

Children (9) WETZEL

- i. Susan Jane, b. Feb. 10, 1939
- ii. William Arthur, b. June 2, 1941



*Marjorie Isobel Coan. Courtesy
Case Western Reserve University.*



*Virginia Catherine Coan. Courtesy
Case Western Reserve University.*



Helen Marie Coan Mann



*Marie Schwind Coan and
Edward Rollin Coan*



Marjorie Coan Wetzel and Arthur Wetzel



*Susan Wetzel Hayward, Elaine Jost Wetzel,
James Thomas Wetzel, Robert Edward Wetzel*

- iii. James Thomas, a twin, b. June 2, 1944
- iv. Robert Edward, a twin, b. June 2, 1944

SUSAN JANE WETZEL , the daughter of Arthur and Marjorie Isabel (Coan) Wetzel, was born February 10, 1939, in Cleveland, Ohio. Her aunt, Virginia (Coan) Wiles, said about her: "She was small, lithe, and dark--resembled her mother in both looks and character. She was very efficient, a good planner, and had the same drive and charm." She was graduated from Ohio University and from Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Science. She did case work in a Cleveland children's agency. March 22, 1971, in Mentor, Ohio, she married Clayton Lee Hayward.

Children (10) HAYWARD

- i. Angela, b. Dec. 15, 1976

WILLIAM ARTHUR WETZEL , the son of Arthur and Marjorie Isabel (Coan) Wetzel, was born June 2, 1941, in Cleveland, Ohio. About him his aunt, Virginia (Coan) Wiles, said:

He was well-built, of medium height with dark coloring, and had all the varied abilities of his father. He played the organ, was an individualist with a keen wit and alert mind...a wizard at machinery...and raced motorcycles as a hobby. At racing Bill was a veteran winner, having filled his room, the kitchen shelves, and the TV room with his racing trophies....In 1964 he won the Jack Pine and Canadian National Motor Cycle trophies.

He worked for a time at Morton Salt in charge of machinery repair; in 1966 he started his own cycle shop in Mentor, Ohio. March 9, 1968, he married Caroline Ashcraft in Painesville, Ohio. In 1979 he was owner of Suzuki Sales.

JAMES THOMAS WETZEL , a twin son of Arthur and Marjorie Isabel (Coan) Wetzel, was born June 2, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio. Of him his aunt, Virginia (Coan) Wiles, said:

Jim was tall, blond, and well-built, a determined individual with a doggedness that kept him going through thick and thin. He, too, was a cycle race enthusiast and had his own collection of trophies....In 1964 he won the Ohio State Motorcycle Racing Trophy and his name was placed in the Hall of Fame at Columbus. He received his education at Ohio University and became a teacher. September 3, 1966, he married Elaine Sandra Jost in Kirtland, Ohio.

Children (10) WETZEL

- i. Eric Allyn, b. Mar. 5, 1977, Athens, Ohio
- ii. Jody, b. _____, 1979

ROBERT EDWARD WETZEL⁹, a twin son of Arthur and Marjorie Isobel (Coan) Wetzel, was born June 2, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio. His aunt, Virginia (Coan) Wiles said of him:

Bob, the other twin, was smaller, lithe, and dark like his Coan ancestors. He was the thoughtful one, the socially conscious, the fastidious one....He liked swimming, skiing, and bowling.

He received his education at Mount Union College, in Alliance, Ohio. April 14, 1973, in Ashtabula, Ohio, he married Sara Jane Jepson, daughter of Warren E. Jepson. Robert was owner of Wetzel Carpet Sales in Ashtabula in 1982.

Children (10) WETZEL

- i. Courtney Alison

VIRGINIA CATHERINE⁸ COAN (Edward M.⁷, Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born August 11, 1906, in East Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Edward Milton and Marie (Schwind) Coan. She was a blue-eyed, blonde baby, sensitive and dreamy in direct contrast to her dark-haired, vivacious sister Marjorie. She inherited her father's artistic talent; and in high school, before she had any advanced training, at the Lake County Fair she won many prizes for her paintings. She was graduated from Western Reserve University; and one term while she was in college, she took courses at the Cleveland School of Art. Later, while she was teaching school, she studied at the same place under Carl Guertner, a modern water color artist. She had gone into teaching at her parents' insistence, but did not like her job; so she changed to social work. She was employed by a Cleveland family agency for awhile, and then went into children's work.

On July 15, 1935, Virginia married Berlyn H. Wiles, who was born November 13, 1909, in Irondale, Ohio, the son of James R. and Nan (Stillwell) Wiles. They were married at the home of her parents at Mentor Headlands. Dr. Frank H. Ferris of the Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Shaker Heights, officiated. Virginia was married in her mother Marie's heirloom wedding gown of 1904. After their marriage she and Berlyn worked for six months as house parents at the model orphanage, Beechbrook. They worked with Bob and Mona Manners (Manners Drive-in Restaurants) and with Dr. and Mrs. Bliss Shaeffer of University Hospital. They then moved back



Susan Jane Wetzel Hayward



*Clayton, Angela, and Ronnie
Hayward, stepson of Susan Wetzel
Hayward*



Angela Hayward



*William Arthur Wetzel and
Caroline Ashcraft Wetzel*



James Thomas Wetzel



Elaine Jost Wetzel



Jody and Eric Allyn Wetzel



Courtney Wetzel, daughter of Robert Edward and Sara Jane Jepson Wetzel

to Cleveland where Virginia was soon called to work again at the Family Service Association. She worked there until her son was born. Berlyn worked first as a drill press operator and then as an assembly man at the North American Manufacturing Company.

In 1943 Berlyn and Virginia moved to the small town of Minerva, Ohio, because of Berlyn's health. They had lived there once before when they were first married; and they both preferred small town life. They were both active in the Methodist Church and served for many years on the official board. Virginia belonged to the Women's Society of the church, acted as secretary, and for three years as president. She also was a busy worker and officer in the Parent-Teacher Association. It was there in Minerva that she and Berlyn wrote the history of the Wiles family, Pennsylvania Dutch pioneers who settled in Jefferson County, Ohio. Then Virginia began the gigantic task of writing the Coan history and profusely illustrating it with her interesting drawings. She entitled her work The History of the Coan Family of America and completed the manuscript in 1963. She updated it later, so that it carried the facts of her immediate family until 1966. It was put on microfilm and made available under #525,726 at the Genealogical Department Library of the Church of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City. The Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia controlled reproduction rights of the microfilm.

In 1979 Virginia completed Volume II of The History of the Coan Family of America, updating her first manuscript and adding new Coan data. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; she was D.A.R. genealogist for Carroll County, Ohio, from 1975 on and continued in that office in 1982.

Children (9) WILES

i. David Berlyn, b. May 4, 1939

DAVID BERLYN WILES⁹, son of Berlyn H. and Virginia Catherine (Coan) Wiles, was born May 4, 1939, in Cleveland, Ohio. When he was six years old he had rheumatic fever and spent a long time in bed. However, he finally recovered completely. After finishing high school in 1957, he joined the navy and was a junior officer at boot camp at Great Lakes. Later he was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps on the USS Forrestal, then the largest aircraft carrier in the world. He cruised the Caribbean and the Mediterranean for three and a half years and was discharged after four years of service September, 1961.

After serving in the navy, he worked in a factory for awhile and then in construction. Deciding to continue his education, he enrolled at Ohio University in February, 1963. After a year and a half in college, he could not decide on a

major and went back into the navy for another two years. On June 26, 1965, he married Anne Louise Melenbacher in the Presbyterian Church in Rittman, Ohio. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1944, the daughter of Karl and Virginia (Wallace) Melenbacher.

Children (10) WILES

- i. Matthew James, b. Jan. 14, 1973, Springfield, Ohio;
d. Oct. 15, 1975, Springfield; buried Hammonds-
ville
- ii. Daniel Elias, b. Mar. 29, 1975, Springfield, Ohio

HELEN MARIE⁸ COAN (Edward M.⁷, Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born April 13, 1912, at East Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Edward Milton and Marie (Schwind) Coan. She had a special talent in music--sang and played both the piano and organ. For two years she attended Baldwin-Wallace College and then finished her education at a business school. She, like her father, was very good at figures, and became a teller, later a cost accountant at Cleveland Trust Company. In March, 1936, she married Russell B. Mann, born June 22, 1915, a near neighbor and son of the Cleveland lawyer, A. S. Mann. The wedding took place in Middlefield, Ohio; and the young couple settled there on the Mann farm which Russell had been given by his father. Besides living in Middlefield, they also lived in Cleveland, New Orleans, and Painesville, Ohio. Helen and Russell were separated and finally divorced. She became accounts payable manager in a Painesville firm.

Children (9) MANN

- i. James, b. Mar. 16, 1940
- ii. Betty Lou, b. Dec. 27, 1942
- iii. Dennis R., b. Oct. 19, 1944
- iv. Joseph B., b. July 16, 1946

JAMES MANN⁹, the son of Russell B. and Helen Marie (Coan) Mann, was born March 1 in Cleveland, Ohio. In June, 1963, he married Shirley Bowman of Painesville, Ohio. They were divorced in 1965. He married second Ruth _____.

Children (10) MANN by Shirley

- i. Timothy James, b. July 8, 1964, Painesville, Ohio
MANN by Ruth
- ii. Michelle
- iii. Samantha



(top left) Virginia Catherine Coan Wiles, (top right) Berlyn Wiles, (center) David Berlyn Wiles and Anne Louise Melenbacher Wiles, (bottom left) Matthew James Wiles, (bottom right) Daniel Elias Wiles.





Virginia Coan Wiles and her doll collection of her ancestors. Dolls: Katherine Hopp Schwind; Editha Matilda, wife of Henry I of England; Katie Hopp, age 16; Marie Schwind Coan in wedding gown, 1904; Marie Schwind, age 12; Luranda Collins Coan, wife of Jacob; King Henry I of England; Anne Payne, wife of William Leete; Governor William Leete of the Connecticut Colony, 1650.



Virginia Coan Wiles, Marjorie Coan Wetzel, Helen Coan Mann

- iv. Jimmy
- v. Russell Berlyn, b. Apr. 14, 1970, Madison, Ohio
- vi. Dianne

BETTY LOU MANN⁹, the daughter of Russell B. and Helen Marie (Coan) Mann, was born December 27, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio. Of her, her aunt, Virginia Catherine (Coan) Wiles, said:

Betty Lou was a blond, tall and thin, with fine features and a graceful carriage. She was chosen the Fairport Mardi Gras Queen during her last year at Harvey High School in Painesville, Ohio....She married February 12, 1963, William Joseph Zeleny at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Painesville. He was born April 17, 1942. It was a lovely winter wedding, all in red and white. The bride wore a floor-length gown of white satin with a fingertip veil, and her attendants were dressed in red velvet. Her cousin, Susan Jane Wetzel, was the maid of honor. The couple settled at Madison...

Children (10) ZELENY

- i. William Joseph, Jr., b. Oct. 5, 1964, Painesville, Ohio
- ii. Jeffrey Paul, b. Mar. 4, 1966, Painesville, Ohio
- iii. Jennifer Marie, b. June 29, 1968, Painesville, Ohio
- iv. Michael Phillip, b. Sept. 17, 1971

DENNIS R. MANN⁹, son of Russell B. and Helen Marie (Coan) Mann, was born October 19, 1944, in New Orleans, Louisiana. July 21, 1962, in Perry, Ohio, he married Phyllis Brown, who was born August 7, 1944, in Haywood, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Mrs. Ruby Brown of Perry, Ohio, and Haywood, West Virginia.

Children (10) MANN

- i. Donna Lynn, b. June 24, 1963
- ii. Dennis Rollin, b. May 4, 1965, Painesville, Ohio
- iii. Darla Ann, b. Dec. 12, 1967, Painesville, Ohio
- iv. _____

JOSEPH B. MANN⁹, son of Russell B. and Helen Marie (Coan) Mann, was born July 16, 1946, in Painesville, Ohio. In 1965 he enlisted in the navy and served aboard the USS Henrico; first, out of San Diego; then in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. His ship landed troops and ran ammunition. In 1966 he signed for a second tour of duty in Vietnam. On May 26, 1973, he married Mary Ann Brown, the daughter of William J. Brown of Covington, Louisiana.

Children (10) MANN

- i. Mary Jo Ellen, b. Sept., 1973
- ii. Joey
- iii. Jason

EDWARD⁸ ROLLIN⁷ COAN⁶ (Edward M.⁵, Henry V.⁴, Charles W.³, Jacob², William¹) was born May 7, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio. After attending Case Institute of Technology for three and a half years, he was graduated as a diesel engineer. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. In World War II he was a Lieutenant, J.G., in the U. S. Naval Reserve and served on a mine sweeper. Here he was known as "Dead-Eye Dick" for his prowess in shooting sharks while the men were swimming.

On July 17, 1942, in the Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, he married Loretta Gray, born October 25, 1922, the daughter of Eugene Hollister and Thelma (Whittemore) Gray. After his discharge from the navy, he was a diesel engineer and he became the owner of Mid-Continent Construction Company of Cleveland and a commercial construction firm. He was always interested in the out-of-doors and bought an island in Georgian Bay, Canada, which he named Coan Island.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Barbara Jane, b. Oct. 22, 1945
- ii. Patricia Jean, b. Feb. 3, 1948
- iii. Marilyn, b. Aug. 23, 1952

BARBARA JANE⁹ COAN⁸ (Edward R.⁷, Edward M.⁶, Henry V.⁵, Charles W.⁴, Jacob³, William², Peter¹) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 22, 1945, the daughter of Edward Rollin and Loretta (Gray) Coan. On August 17, 1968, in Pepper Pike, Ohio, she married Thomas Frederic McDonald, who was born August 17, 1944.

Children (10) McDONALD

- i. Gregory Edward, b. May 6, 1971, Manchester, Conn.
- ii. Catherine Megan, b. Jan. 14, 1974, Manchester, Conn.
- iii. Gregory Thomas, b. Jan. 16, 1982, Hudson, Ohio

PATRICIA JEAN⁹ COAN⁸ (Edward R.⁷, Edward M.⁶, Henry V.⁵, Charles W.⁴, Jacob³, William², Peter¹) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 3, 1948, the daughter of Edward Rollin and Loretta (Gray) Coan. In 1973 in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, she married Larry Minihan, who was born March 18, 1948.



*(top left) James
Mann, (top
center) Ruth
Mann, (top right)
Michelle Mann,
(center left)
Samantha
Mann, (center
right) Jimmy
Mann, (bottom
left) Russell
Mann, (bottom
right) Dianne
Mann.*



(below) Betty Lou Mann, (top left) William Joseph Zeleny, (top right) Jeffrey Paul Zeleny, (bottom left) Jennifer Marie Zeleny, (bottom right) Michael Phillip Zeleny.



Children (10) MINIHAN

- i. Kristin Marie, b. Mar. 7, 1974, Hudson, Ohio
- ii. Kelly Margaret, b. Jan. 24, 1977, Hudson, Ohio
- iii. Kathleen Melissa, b. Nov. 15, 1979, Mentor, Ohio

FRANK PERRY⁷ COAN (Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born November 18, 1893, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Henry Vaughn and Harriet Isobel (Bullock) Coan. In World War I Frank enlisted but never left this country because of his skill in office work. He was very much disappointed since he wanted to fight. After the war he stayed in the army 20 years and then became an insurance salesman. He was married three times and divorced three times. He never had any children except by his third wife. His wives were (1) Maude _____; (2) Patricia _____; (3) Mary _____.

Children (8) COAN all born in Georgia

- i. Frank Perry, Jr.
- ii. Daughter
- iii. Daughter

WALLACE S.⁷ COAN (Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born April 25, 1910, Isle of Pines, Cuba, the son of Henry Vaughn and Eudora (Parkhurst) Coan. September 23, 1933, in Pontiac, Michigan, he married Marie Hazelham.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Myron Melvin, b. May 28, 1935
- ii. Connie Marie, b. Aug. 31, 1937

MYRON MELVIN⁸ COAN (Wallace S.⁷, Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born May 28, 1935, in Royal Oak, Michigan. October 23, 1955, in Royal Oak he married Joan Hawk who was born February 4, 1935, in Royal Oak.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Brenda Marie, b. Feb. 3, 1958, Detroit, Michigan
- ii. Terrence John, b. June 10, 1964, Detroit, Michigan

CONNIE MARIE⁸ COAN (Wallace S.⁷, Henry V.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Pontiac, Michigan, August 31, 1937, the daughter of Wallace S. and Marie (Hazelham) Coan. June 8, 1957, she married Donald R. Krause.

They were divorced in 1964. She married second Steven Bernard Normand on May 27, 1966.

Children (9) NORMAND

- i. Kristin Marie, a twin, b. May 26, 1967
- ii. Kimberly Ann, a twin, b. May 26, 1967

FREDERICK⁶ COAN (Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born April 20, 1853, in Buffalo, New York, the son of Charles Wattles and Cecelia (Vaughn) Coan. He was a cabinet maker and glazier, and was manager of the Old Opera House in Cleveland until his death. He married Anna Koerner of Cleveland, Ohio. September 5, 1931, he died in Cleveland; Anna died June 18, 1944. They were both buried in Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland. They had no children.

ALBERT ALEXANDER⁶ COAN (Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born January 31, 1855, in Buffalo, New York, the son of Charles Wattles and Cecelia (Vaughn) Coan. As a youth he was an accomplished soft-shoe dancer and was well-educated for the times. As a young man he was head usher at the Cleveland Opera House winters; summers he played baseball for a Cleveland club. He did fine furniture finishing as a second job.

While he was at the Opera House, he had a habit of collecting programs and autographs. His collection included all the greats of the day and was given to the Cleveland Public Library.

In February, 1880, he married Mary Anne Howard in Cleveland. She was born February 10, 1858. Albert and Molly were a very likeable couple and owned a parrot which was a constant delight to the children in the family.

Albert died in Cleveland April 7, 1940; Molly died there December 26, 1950.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Delbert
- ii. Luella Adelle, b. Nov. 1, 1882

DELBERT⁷ COAN (Albert A.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was the son of Albert Alexander⁶ and Mary Anne (Howard) Coan. He married Margaret _____. They had two adopted children.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Jane (adopted) m. _____ Burkheimer and died in childbirth



(top left) Donna Lynn Mann, daughter of Dennis R. and Phyllis Brown Mann, and Donna's daughter Yoga; (top right) Darla Mann, daughter of Dennis R. and Phyllis Brown Mann; (bottom left) Joseph B. Mann; (bottom right) Joey, Mary Jo Ellen, and Jason Mann.



*(top left) Edward Rollin Coan
(Ted), (top right) Loretta Gray
Coan and grandchildren
Katie and Kelly Minihan,
(center) Barbara Jane Coan
McDonald and Thomas
Frederick McDonald, (bot-
tom left) Gregory Edward
McDonald, (bottom right)
Catherine Megan McDonald.*



- ii. Robert (adopted) joined the Canadian Black Hussars and died in World War II

LUELLA ADELLE⁷ COAN (Albert A.⁶, Charles W.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born November 1, 1882, in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Albert Alexander and Mary Anne (Howard) Coan. She married William Huberty who was born August 26, 1874. William died December 26, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio; and in 1951 Luella moved to Woodside, California

Children (8) HUBERTY

- i. William, b. Aug. 1, 1907, Cleveland, Ohio; he was a deaf-mute; d. 1916
- ii. John Arthur, b. Aug. 14, 1918

JOHN ARTHUR HUBERTY⁸, the son of William and Luella Adelle (Coan) Huberty, was born August 14, 1918, in Cleveland, Ohio. He married Helen _____ of Woodside, California.

Children (9) HUBERTY

- i. John William, b. 1952, Woodside, California
- ii. Grant Kendall, b. 1953, Woodside, California

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CYRUS COAN (Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born September 4, 1816, at Locke, Cayuga County, New York, the son of Jacob and Rhoda (Wattles) Coan. He married Mary _____, born in 1838 in New York State. He died December 18, 1896, at Bristol, Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Mary J., b. 1858, Racine, Wisconsin
- ii. Hannah, b. 1860, Racine, Wisconsin

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JANE COAN (Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born at Salina, New York, August 12, 1823, the daughter of Jacob and Rhoda (Wattles) Coan. She married April 4, 1840, John Henry Burhans, who was born April 26, 1816, the son of Isaac and Helen (Van Aernam) Burhans. John died November 13, 1855.

Children (6) BURHANS

- i. Charles Henry, b. Feb. 19, 1841; d. Apr. 20, 1841
- ii. Mary Jane, b. Jan. 13, 1844
- iii. John Henry, b. Apr. 29, 1846; d. Nov. 13, 1852
- iv. Caroline Rhoda, b. Dec. 20, 1849
- v. Cyrus Wattles, b. Dec. 3, 1854

Reference: Samuel J. Burhans, Jr., comp., Burhans Genealogy (New York: printed for private distribution, 1894) pp. 471, 496.

MARY JANE BURHANS⁶, the daughter of John Henry and Jane (Coan) Burhans, was born January 13, 1844. On November 6, 1866, she married Albert H. Tracy, who was born April 17, 1839, the son of Kester and Hannah (Fanning) Tracy. They resided at Buffalo, New York.

Children (7) TRACY

- i. Albert H., b. Sept. 2, 1867
- ii. M. Jennie, b. Jan. 31, 1869; d. Nov. 4, 1874
- iii. Nina F., b. Feb. 2, 1872
- iv. Carrie Edna, b. July 7, 1873
- v. Effie May, b. Nov. 18, 1877
- vi. Florence Ethel, b. Apr. 1, 1880

Reference: Burhans, Jr., Burhans Genealogy, pp. 496, 551.

CAROLINE RHODA BURHANS⁶, the daughter of John Henry and Jane (Coan) Burhans, was born December 20, 1849. On February 25, 1869, she married John Bean, who was born March 3, 1837, the son of Luke and Susan Jane (Kemp) Bean. Caroline and John resided at Buffalo, New York.

Children (7) BEAN

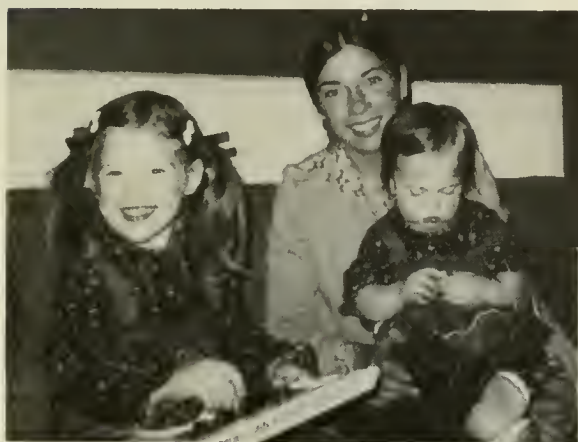
- i. Hattie L., b. Jan. 27, 1870

Reference: Burhans, Jr., Burhans Genealogy, pp. 496, 551.

CAROLINE⁵ COAN (Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹), also known as Carrie, was born June 26, 1821, according to Jacob's⁴ Bible record (1827-28, according to 1850 Federal Census), the daughter of Jacob and Rhoda (Wattles) Coan. On July 20, 1848, in Buffalo, she married John R. Denio, who was born September 6, 1824, in New York State, the son of Heman and Mary A. (Roberts) Denio. He was employed at the United States Mint in San Francisco, California. He died January 13, 1871. In 1889 Caroline was living on Glenwood Avenue in Buffalo. They had no children.

Reference: Francis Brigham Denio and Herbert Williams Denio, A Genealogy of Aaron Denio of Deerfield, Massachusetts 1704-1925 (Montpelier, Vermont: Capital City Press, 1926), p. 101.

(top) Marilyn Coan, (center left) Kristin Marie Minihan, Patricia Jean Coan Minihan with Kelly Margaret Minihan, (center right) Larry Minihan, (bottom) grandchildren of Edward R. Coan, left to right, Greg McDonald, Kristin Minihan with Katie Minihan, Cathy McDonald, and Kelly Minihan.





Albert Alexander Coan, aged 80. Courtesy Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.



Frederick Coan. Courtesy Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.



Luella Adelle Coan

WILLIAM⁵ COAN AND DESCENDANTS

WILLIAM I.⁵ COAN (Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 9, 1833, in Buffalo, New York, the son of Jacob and Rhoda (Wattles) Coan. He married Mary Webster in Buffalo, New York. Mary was born in 1829 and died in 1905. William died August 7, 1906.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Herbert G., b. July 14, 1859

HERBERT G.⁶ COAN (William⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 14, 1859, the son of William I. and Mary (Webster) Coan. He married Nellie Mason November 19, 1884, in Buffalo, New York. She was born June 28, 1858, and died in May, 1944. Herbert died October 24, 1924.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Ethel Mason, b. Mar. 16, 1887
- ii. Bessie Irene, b. Oct. 3, 1888
- iii. Ruth M., b. Dec. 2, 1889, Buffalo, N.Y.; d. after Sept. 1962

ETHEL MASON⁷ COAN (Herbert G.⁶, William I.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born March 16, 1887, in Buffalo, New York, the daughter of Herbert G. and Nellie (Mason) Coan. She was interested in genealogy and copied the family record from the Bible of Jacob⁴ and Rhoda (Wattles) Coan. She also compiled other Coan family facts. She died February 14, 1968, in Erie County, New York.

BESSIE IRENE⁷ COAN (Herbert G.⁶, William I.⁵, Jacob⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born October 3, 1888, in Buffalo, New York, the daughter of Herbert G. and Nellie (Mason) Coan. She married Dr. Byron D. Bowen and died in July, 1944.

Children (8) BOWEN

- i. Elizabeth B.; m. James C. Hansen
- ii. Mason; m. Jean Gurney

CHARLES⁴ COAN (William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born about 1789/90 in Montgomery County, New York, the son of William and Roxana (Chadwick) Coan. He served in the War of 1812 and his pension number was 1183. He was a silversmith. He

was the Charles Coan mentioned as assisting Phebe (Coan) Johnson in administering the will of her husband Caleb in 1818. Charles was Phebe's nephew; his father, William, was Phebe's brother. According to the records of the Episcopal Church in Johnstown, New York, Charles died June 7, 1822. The Freeman's Journal of Cooperstown, New York, June 10, 1822, stated that he was aged 32 at the time of his death. His wife, Sally Coan, was appointed administratrix of his estate. Soon after Charles' death, his widow moved away from Johnstown. It is not known whether or not they had children.

It is believed that when William³ and Roxana Coan moved from Mayfield, Montgomery County, New York, to Locke, Cayuga County, New York, between 1798 and 1805, they left Charles with his uncle and aunt, Caleb and Phebe³ (Coan) Johnson who lived in Johnstown, New York. Caleb was undoubtedly a silversmith and probably Charles learned the trade from him. Caleb and Phebe's son, George Johnson, was also a silversmith. Caleb made the seal for the Village of Johnstown in March, 1809. When Caleb died February 4, 1818, in his 45th year, he left hardware, gold, silver, and military goods to the value of \$1675, and tools belonging to the shop of a value of \$235.66. Charles⁴ Coan as one of Phebe Johnson's two next of kin (the other was her brother-in-law, Ashbell Cornwell of Vail Mills) helped her take the inventory.

Caleb Johnson and Charles⁴ Coan were in the same militia regiment (34th Regt., Montgomery County, Lt. Col. Abraham J. Vosburgh, commanding). Caleb was promoted to lieutenant in 1811 and Charles was promoted to lieutenant in 1814.

By 1817 Charles⁴ Coan was in Cooperstown, New York, when he is said to have been a silversmith in partnership with John Frederick Ernst. He later moved back to Johnstown, perhaps by September, 1818, when he signed the inventory of Caleb Johnson's estate.

WILLIAM⁴ COAN (William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born April 25, 1791, the son of William and Roxana (Chadwick) Coan. He served in the War of 1812 under Captain Dunks and General McClure in the New York Militia. He enlisted as a private at Bloomfield, Ontario County, New York, September 15, 1813, for three months' service; and he was discharged December 15, 1813, at Fort Niagara. About 1814 he married Mary Chadwick, his first cousin, near Buffalo, New York. She was the daughter of Cornelius Chadwick, his mother's brother, and Mary (Sparks) Chadwick.

On April 16, 1855, William, aged 64, applied for bounty land under the Act of 1855. His application was accepted. He died November 27, 1862, and was buried in Upper Indiana Cemetery, Knox County, Palmyra Township, three miles north of Vincennes, Indiana. Mary died in 1869 and was buried in the same cemetery.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Eliza, b. Mar. 31, 1815, Erie Co., N.Y., or
Green Twp., Adams Co., Ohio
- ii. George, b. May 7, 1816, Adams Co., Ohio
- iii. Lurinda, b. Oct. 17, 1818, Adams Co., Ohio
- iv. William, b. Aug. 21, 1820, Adams Co., Ohio
- v. John, b. Apr. 7, 1822, Potosi, Washington Co.,
Mo.
- vi. Asa, b. Nov. 29, 1824, Potosi, Washington Co.,
Mo.
- vii. Lemon, b. Sept. 20, 1826, Potosi, Washington
Co., Mo.
- viii. Collins, b. Sept. 24, 1828, Knox Co., Ind.
- ix. Pleasant, b. Apr. 25, 1830, Knox Co., Ind.
- x. Charles, b. Jan. 30, 1832, Knox Co., Ind.

⁵ELIZA⁴ COAN (William³, William², Jacob¹, Peter¹) was born March 31, 1815, the daughter of William and Mary (Chadwick) Coan. She married Benjamin J. Murphy and died in 1881 in Knox County, Indiana.

Children (6) MURPHY

- i. Rachel
- ii. William
- iii. Henry

⁶RACHEL MURPHY, daughter of Benjamin J. and Eliza (Coan) Murphy, married William Hodge.

Children (7) HODGE

- i. George
- ii. Charles; m. Minnie Frey
- iii. Edward
- iv. Jennie; m. C. L. Andrews
- v. Pearl; m. _____ Davis

⁶WILLIAM MURPHY, son of Benjamin J. and Eliza (Coan) Murphy, married ⁶Eliza⁶ Coan, daughter of Collins⁵ (William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) Coan. William and Eliza moved to California in 1870. Lovicy Smith⁶ moved with them.

Children (7) MURPHY

- i. Winfield Scott; d. Feb. 2, 1920
- ii. Sybil; m. Oliver Bayne

HENRY MURPHY⁶, son of Benjamin J. and Eliza (Coan) Murphy, married Olive Brooks.

Children (7) MURPHY

- i. Ada, b. 1874; m. Ed Fleming
- ii. Glenn; died aged two
- iii. Alice; died aged three
- iv. Ray; m₈ Katherine Abel; children: Worthy⁸,
Alice⁸, Ernest⁸
- v. Jessie; m. _____ O'Neil

LURINDA⁵ COAN (William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born October 17, 1818, the daughter of William and Mary (Chadwick) Coan. She married William Henry Harrison Smith, son of Sebastian Smith, on April 10, 1835; and died April 1, 1845, at Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

Children (6) SMITH

- i. Mary Anne; m. George Foreman
- ii. Lovicy Orilla
- iii. William Bastian

LOVICY ORILLA SMITH⁶, daughter of William Henry Harrison and Lurinda⁵ (Coan) Smith, lived with her grandmother, Mary (Chadwick) Coan after her mother's death. In the fall of 1870 she moved to California with William and Eliza (Coan) Murphy. There she married Leonidas Hamlin Landis.

Children (7) LANDIS

- i. Frances Ella, b. 1874; d. Orangevale, CA 1962
- ii. Samuel Harrison, b. 1875; d. 1951
- iii. Charles William, b. 1877

CHARLES WILLIAM LANDIS⁷, son of Leonidas Hamlin and Lovicy (Smith) Landis, born 1877, married Louise Coan, his second cousin.

Children (8) LANDIS

- i. Mary Louise

MARY LOUISE LANDIS⁸, daughter of Charles William and Louise Coan Landis, married first, Ed Warren; second Gordon Gadda.

Children (9) GADDA

- i. David Gordon
- ii. Donald Lee
- iii. Deane Bruce

WILLIAM BASTIAN SMITH⁶, son of William Henry Harrison and Lurinda (Coan) Smith, married Theresa Denson.

Children (7) SMITH

- i. Benjamin
- ii. Elmer

JOHN⁵ COAN (William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born April 7, 1822, in Potosi, Missouri, the son of William and Mary (Chadwick) Coan. In 1826 he came with his parents to Knox County, Indiana. There October 6, 1851, he married Margaret Badollet, who was born in Indiana. The 1860 Indiana Census showed that John had real estate valued at \$3,000 and personal property of \$700; the 1870 Census showed his real estate to be worth \$7,000 and his personal property, \$1,750. He died October 28, 1903, in Knox County, Palmyra Township, and was buried in the Upper Indiana Cemetery, Palmyra Township.

Children (6) COAN

- i. James P., b. 1852
- ii. John, b. 1854
- iii. Mary, b. 1856
- iv. Malinda, b. 1859
- v. William J., b. Oct. 10, 1862
- vi. Almon, b. 1863
- vii. Caroline, b. 1864
- viii. Margaret, b. 1867
- ix. Eliza, b. 1869

JAMES PAUL⁶ COAN (John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in 1852 in Knox County, Palmyra Township, Indiana, son of John and Margaret (Badollet) Coan. He married Rose Alexander who was born September 4, 1855 and died April, 1926. He died July 17, 1915, in Sacramento, California.

Children (7) COAN (order not known)

- Lyle, b. Aug. 23, 1877
- Claude, d. 1890
- Lou
- John Elmer, d. Aug. 29, 1954, Napa, Calif.

Reference: All data on James Paul⁶ Coan and his descendants was written by T. H. Smith.

LYLE⁷ COAN (James P.⁶, John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born August 23, 1877, probably in California,

the son of James Paul and Rose (Alexander) Coan. He married Lillie Dove Chamberlin and had one son. Lyle Coan was living in Orangevale, California in 1963.

Children (8) COAN

- i. John Gass, b. June 13, 1908

JOHN GASS⁸ COAN (Lyle⁷, James P.⁶, John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born June 13, 1908, the son of Lyle and Lillie Dove (Chamberlin) Coan.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Patricia, b. Oct. 26, 1935
- ii. Nancy, b. June 19, 1943
- iii. Robert John, b. Oct. 29, 1949

PATRICIA⁹ COAN (John G.⁸, Lyle⁷, James P.⁶, John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born October 26, 1935. She married Eugene Ferguson on August 23, 1953.

JOHN ELMER⁷ COAN (James P.⁶, John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in California, son of James Paul and Rose (Alexander) Coan. He died August 29, 1954, at Napa, California. He married first Mae Clark; second, Constance Harvey.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Jeanette
- ii. Harvey

MARY⁶ COAN (John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born August 8, 1856, in Palmyra Township, Knox County, Indiana, daughter of John and Margaret (Badollet) Coan. She married James M. Potter, who was born in 1854 and died in 1915.

Children (7) POTTER

- i. Nellie, b. 1877; m. Frank Hogue
- ii. Mabel, b. Feb. 6, 1880
- iii. Henry B., b. 1882; d. 1882
- iv. Ralph, b. 1884; d. 1885
- v. Margaret, b. 1887
- vi. Alice, b. 1893; d. 1910
- vii. Helen, b. 1893

Reference: All data on Mary⁶ Coan and her descendants was written by T. H. Smith

NELLIE POTTER⁷, daughter of James M. and Mary (Coan) Potter, was born 1877. She married Frank Hogue.

MABEL POTTER⁷, daughter of James M. and Mary (Coan) Potter, was born February 6, 1880. On May 20, 1903, she married Hugo Reller, born 1877.

Children (8) RELLER

- i. Dorothy Eloise, b. 1904
- ii. Robert Potter, b. 1906
- iii. Mary Elizabeth, b. 1908
- iv. Alice Jean, b. 1918

MARGARET POTTER⁷, daughter of James M. and Mary (Coan) Potter, was born in 1887. In 1912 she married T. C. Parker.

Children (8) PARKER

- i. Marion
- ii. Carl
- iii. James
- iv. Richard
- v. Rosemary

HELEN POTTER⁷, daughter of James M. and Mary (Coan) Potter, was born in 1893. In 1915 she married John Osborn.

Children (8) OSBORN

- i. John
- ii. Mary Alice
- iii. Howard
- iv. Lloyd
- v. Donald
- vi. Helen
- vii. George
- viii. Harold
- ix. Phyllis

MALINDA⁶ COAN (John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Knox County, Indiana, in 1858, the daughter of John and Margaret (Badollet) Coan. She married J. A. Clark.

Children (7) CLARK

- i. Nina
- ii. Clair

Reference: T. H. Smith

WILLIAM J.⁶ COAN (John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born October 10, 1862, in Knox County, Palmyra Township, three miles north of Vincennes, Indiana, the son of John and Margaret (Badollet) Coan. He married Clarinda Hollingsworth February 24, 1885. He died September 12, 1948, Knox County, Washington Township, two miles north of Bruceville, Indiana. He was buried in Price Cemetery, the family burial ground of Hollingsworth-Price.

Children (7) COAN

- I. John Raymond, b. Dec. 18, 1885

JOHN RAYMOND⁷ COAN (William J.⁶, John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born December 18, 1885, in Bruceville, Knox County, Indiana, the son of William J. and Clarinda (Hollingsworth) Coan. He married Martha A. Utt on December 5, 1912. He died September 9, 1949, and was buried in the Bruceville Cemetery. Martha (Utt) Coan died July 22, 1974.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Martha Jeanne, b. Sept. 22, 1918

MARTHA JEANNE⁸ COAN (John⁷, William J.⁶, John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born September 22, 1918, daughter of John Raymond and Martha (Utt) Coan, and lived in Bruceville, Knox County, Indiana. She was an avid worker on the ancestry of William⁴ Coan (William³, Jacob², Peter¹).

CAROLINE⁶ COAN (John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Knox County, Indiana, in 1864, the daughter of John and Margaret (Badollet) Coan. She married Henry Badollet.

Children (7) BADOLLET

- i. Mary, m. Thomas Thorne; one son, Kenneth
- ii. Leroy, m. _____ Held
- iii. Alfred, m. Ruth Gardner
- iv. Robert
- v. Margaret, d. 1910

- vi. Aline
- vii. Lenore
- viii. Meredith

Reference: T. H. Smith

MARGARET⁶ COAN (John⁵, William⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Knox County, Indiana, in 1866, the daughter of John and Margaret (Badollet) Coan. She married Marine Purcell.

Children (7) PURCELL

- i. Lester

Reference: T. H. Smith

ASA⁴ COAN AND DESCENDANTS

ASA⁴ COAN (William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 24, 1795, in Montgomery (now Fulton) County, New York. He was the son of William and Roxana (Chadwick) Coan. According to an application for bounty lands filed by his daughter Sabra February 22, 1875, Asa served in the New York Militia in the War of 1812 in the same company as his brother William. William's application in 1855 for bounty land was accepted, but Sabra's application twenty years later for what was due her dead father was rejected. On February 3, 1820, in Adams County, Ohio, Asa married Mary Alice Jones, born August 9, 1800, in Gallatin County, Kentucky, daughter of John and Sabra Jones. Asa died May 18, 1858, in Adams County, Ohio. A copy of his will follows. The census of 1860 shows Mary Coan, aged 60, born in Kentucky, seamstress, as head of the household. Mary married second William Cox of Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio, on January 27, 1871. She was living there with her daughter and son-in-law, who was also her stepson, during the census of 1880.

Children (5) COAN

(All born in Rome, Greene Township, Adams County, Ohio)

- i. Noah, b. Feb. 15, 1821
- ii. Jane, b. Apr. 30, 1822; d. Sept. 27, 1823, buried Point Cemetery, Green Township, Adams County, Ohio
- iii. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 5, 1824
- iv. John A., b. Apr. 23, 1826
- v. William, b. Jan. 30, 1828
- vi. Collins A., b. Mar. 25, 1830

- vii. Milton, b. Apr. 23, 1832; d. Aug. 4, 1833; buried Point Cemetery
- viii. Asa W., b. Nov. 15, 1833
- ix. Mary A., b. Sept. 2, 1835
- x. Sabra A., b. Feb. 25, 1838
- xi. Charles, b. May 30, 1840--one son, William
- xii. Nancy, b. Aug. 9, 1842; d. Jan. 22, 1843; buried Point Cemetery

Reference: Birthdates of all the children were taken from the bounty land deposition of their mother, Mary (Jones) Coan Cox dated April 19, 1875; death dates of Jane, Milton, and Nancy were from their gravestones.

This will is that of Asa⁴ Coan, son of William³.

Asa Coan's Will

Be it remembered that at a Court of Probate, holden at the Court House within and for the County of Adams and State of Ohio, on the twenty ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight:

In the matter of Asa Coan's Will:

This day, a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Asa Coan, dec'd late of Adams County, Ohio was presented in Court, by Asa W. Coan, the Executor therein named. And thereupon came Garlent Pulliam and Jacob S. Rose, the subscribing witnesses to the said last will and testament and testified to the execution of the same, And it appearing to the Court from the testimony of the said subscribing witnesses that the said last will and testament was duly executed by the said Asa Coan, and that at the time of the execution thereof, the said testator was of full age and of sound mind and memory, and acted without restraint: It is ordered that the said last will and testament of the said Asa Coan, and the testimony of the subscribing witnesses thereto be entered of record.

Will: Know all men, That I, Asa Coan, of the County of Adams and State of Ohio, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament:

1st I give to my wife, Mary Coan, all my personal property.

2d I give to my sons each, to wit: Noah Coan, John Coan, William Coan, Collins Coan, Asa W. Coan, and Charles Coan, the sum of one dollar.

3rd I give to my daughters, each, to wit: to Elizabeth Wikoff, Mary Jarvis, and Sabia Coan, the sum of one dollar.

4th I give and bequeath to my wife, Mary Coan, the proceeds of the sales of my real estate situate in Adams County and State of Ohio, and also in the County of Shelby in the State of Illinois, after deducting therefrom my just debts and legacies.

5th I ordain and appoint my son, Asa W. Coan, as Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby authorizing him to grant, bargain, sell at private or public sale, all the lands I possess as aforesaid, and to have the power to make, execute and deliver good and sufficient deeds for the same, in as full and ample a manner as I might do if living.

6th I ordain and appoint my wife, Mary Coan, Guardian of my minor son, Charles Coan, hereby requiring her to support him, and send him to school a reasonable portion of time until he arrives to the age of twenty-one years.

7th If there shall be any money or property, real or personal out of the above bequest to my wife, Mary Coan, then at her death, it is my will that my daughter Sabia Coan shall have it.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below, this fifteenth day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

Asa Coan

Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Asa Coan as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto.

J. W. McNeil
Garlent Pulliam
Jacob S. Rose

The State of Ohio, Adams County, SS:

J. S. Rose and Garlent Pulliam, whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to a paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Asa Coan, decd - late

of Adams County - which said paper writing is now submitted to their inspection being duly sworn, depose and say -- that the said paper writing was signed by the said Asa Coan, in their presence as and for his last will and testament -- that at the time of the said signing, the said Asa Coan was of full age, of sound mind and memory, and acted without restraint -- that the said deponents subscribed the same as attesting witnesses in the presence of the said Asa Coan, and at his request; and in the presence of each other -- and further say not,

Jacob S. Rose
Garlent Pulliam

Sworn to and subscribed before me, May 29th, 1858

John M. Smith
Probate Judge.

Adams Co., Ohio, Wills, 3:284.

⁵ NOAH ⁴ COAN (Asa ³, William ², Jacob ¹, Peter ¹) was born in Ohio February 15, 1821, the son of Asa and Mary (Jones) Coan. He married Emily Tracy, born 1812 (1813) in New York. She was often called Mille or Meille and was the daughter of Noah Tracy of Adams County, Ohio.

Children (6) COAN all born in Ohio

- i. Mary, b. ca. 1842
- ii. Ruth, b. ca. 1844
- iii. Henry C., b. ca. 1846
- iv. Sabra A., b. ca. 1848

⁵ ELIZABETH ⁴ COAN (Asa ³, William ², Jacob ¹, Peter ¹) was born November 5, 1824, in Ohio, the daughter of Asa and Mary (Jones) Coan. September 14, 1842, she married Meek Wikoff, son of John and Catherine (Blan) Wikoff, who was born March 22, 1818, and died May 25, 1858. Elizabeth lived in Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio, next door to her mother Mary (Jones) Coan Cox and her sister, Sabra (Coan) Cox in 1880.

Children (6) WIKOFF

- i. Hosea
- ii. Blan
- iii. Jennie
- iv. James
- v. Orson, b. ca. 1854

JOHN A.⁵ COAN (Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Green Township, Adams County, Ohio, April 23, 1826. In 1880 he lived near Vanceburg, Lewis County, Kentucky, but he is said to have lived in LaSalle County, Illinois, in 1858. Henry S. Jarvis, son of Mary A.⁵ (Coan) Jarvis Smith Curtis is said to have lived with his family in Vanceburgh about 1874, after having lived for a time with Mary (Jones) Coan Cox and her husband, William, in Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio. In 1880 John had a wife, Rebecca, aged 40, and a son John A.⁶ Coan, Jr., aged 9, born in Kentucky.

WILLIAM⁵ COAN AND DESCENDANTS

WILLIAM⁵ COAN (Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Ohio January 30, 1828, the son of Asa and Mary (Jones) Coan. He married Abigail Hall, born in Ohio about 1834. William and Abigail lived in LaSalle County, Illinois, in 1858. By 1862 the family had moved to Vincennes, Indiana, where William died July 29, 1862, of typhoid fever. William's brother Noah took the family back to Ohio to his home. The boys were too much for Abigail to manage, and one or two were put into homes. By 1865 Abigail and family had moved back to Illinois. About 1867 she married second James Shipley, brother of Dave Shipley, who married Abigail's sister Jane Hall. They later moved to Creston, Iowa, and later to Kansas City, Missouri.

Children (6) COAN

- i. John, b. Mar./Apr. 1850, Adams Co., Ohio
- ii. Benjamin Walker, b. Feb. 21, 1852
- iii. Emily Elizabeth, married Steffey; lived in Joliet, Ill.; no children
- iv. Mary, died aged 12
- v. Asa, b. June 2, 1858
- vi. William

JOHN⁶ COAN (William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was the son of William and Abigail (Hall) Coan. He was born March or April, 1850 in Adams County, Ohio. He married Jane Watson, who was born in England.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Leona (adopted)
- ii. William Roy, b. 1875; d. Nov. 1970; No. Carolina; buried in Creston, Iowa, where he grew up; may have lived in Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1965.
- iii. Mary Ella, b. 1878; m. J. F. Francis of Western Springs, Ill.

- iv. Ivy Pearl, b. 1882, Iowa; m. _____ Franklin;
lived in Red Oak, Iowa

Reference: Theodore H. Smith

BENJAMIN WALKER⁶ COAN (William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born February 21, 1852, the son of William and Abigail (Hall) Coan. He married April 24, 1883, Mary Jane McNair, who was born February 8, 1863. Mary Jane died in Creston, Iowa, October 10, 1910, Benjamin died there December 25, 1925.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Lethea, b. Oct. 13, 1885
- ii. Frank, b. June 1, 1888
- iii. Ruth M., b. Feb. 24, 1893
- iv. Goldie Irene, b. Feb. 9, 1895
- v. Ralph William, b. Dec. 20, 1903

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr., 3208 70th Street,
Urbandale, IA 50322

LETHEA⁷ COAN (Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born October 13, 1885, in Creston, Iowa, the daughter of Benjamin Walker and Mary Jane (McNair) Coan. She married March 6, 1906, Wilfred Kenyon who was born March 15, 1880, in Lenox, Iowa. Lethea died December 18, 1918, in Orient, Iowa; Wilfred, November 23, 1964, in Greenfield, Iowa.

Children (8) KENYON

- i. Mildred, b. Mar. 21, 1908, Orient, Iowa; d. Dec. 27, 1918, Orient
- ii. Lyle, b. Nov. 14, 1912

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

LYLE⁸ KENYON, the son of Wilfred and Lethea (Coan) Kenyon, was born November 14, 1912, in Orient, Iowa. He married in Greenfield, Iowa, March 3, 1940, Ruby Nash, who was born January 26, 1919, in Fairbury, Nebraska.

Children (9) KENYON

- I. Gary, b. Feb. 4, 1944

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.



Martha Jeanne Coan



Frank and Ollie Patterson Coan



Wanda Louise Coan Long with son Hackney Eugene and daughter Wandalee



(top left) Mary Louise Campbell Anderson and Richard Anderson. (top right) Matthew Richard Anderson. (center) Lori Denise Campbell Russell and Randy Russell. (bottom left) Susan Renée Campbell. (bottom right) John Scott Campbell.



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GARY KENYON , son of Lyle and Ruby (Nash) Kenyon, was born in Creston, Iowa, February 4, 1944. He married April 6, 1963, in Creston, Iowa, Donna Wakefield, who was born March 4, 1945, in Dexter, Iowa.

Children (10) KENYON

- i. Stephen Duane, b. Sept. 5, 1963

Reference: Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

FRANK⁷ COAN (Benjamin W.⁶ , William⁵ , Asa⁴ , William³ , Jacob² , Peter¹) was born June 1, 1888, at Creston, Iowa, the son of Benjamin Walker and Mary Jane (McNair) Coan. On June 8, 1910, in Adair County, Iowa, he married Ollie D. Patterson, born January 29, 1884, the daughter of Charles and Ruth (Bradshaw) Patterson. Frank was a butcher and active in the First Christian Church of Amarillo, Texas, where he was elected Elder Emeritus. Ollie died July 14, 1946; Frank, March 23, 1963.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Wanda Louise, b. Sept. 9, 1911
- ii. Frank Eugene, b. Oct. 25, 1913
- iii. Dorothy, b. July 31, 1917
- iv. Ruth Lorraine, b. June 16, 1919

Reference: Frank Eugene Coan, Box 3027, Amarillo, TX 79106

WANDA LOUISE COAN (Frank⁷ , Benjamin W.⁶ , William⁵ , Asa⁴ , William³ , Jacob² , Peter¹) was born in Creston, Iowa, September 9, 1911, the daughter of Frank and Ollie (Patterson) Coan. On September 16, 1932, in Amarillo, Texas, she married Hackney Lee Long, who was born June 29, 1910 in Claude, Texas, the son of B. J. and Cassandra (Burleson) Long. He was graduated valedictorian of his class in Claude High School and worked for Santa Fe Railway. He died December 1, 1942, when his daughter was only seven years old and his son a year old.

Wanda brought up her two children by herself, cared for her father for eighteen years, and helped her daughter raise her four children. She was active at the First Baptist Church in Amarillo, enjoyed ceramics as well as other crafts, and did a great deal of child care work.

Children (9) LONG

- i. Wandalee, b. May 20, 1935
- ii. Hackney Eugene, b. May 7, 1941

Reference: Mrs. Hackney L. Long, 2008 Jackson Street, Amarillo, TX 79109

WANDALEE LONG⁹, the daughter of Hackney Lee and Wanda Louise (Coan) Long, was born May 20, 1935, in Amarillo, Texas. She married Richard Murphy. Her second marriage was to John Campbell on February 28, 1958. He was born June 29, 1931, in New York City. John adopted Wandalee's two daughters by her first marriage. In 1982 she worked as coordinator of planned giving for Cal Farley's Boys' Ranch. She and John were divorced.

Children (10) CAMPBELL

Children of her first marriage:

- i. Mary Louise, b. Apr. 7, 1955; had a B.S. in nursing; married Richard Anderson; one son, Matthew Richard, b. Jan. 13, 1981
- ii. Lori Denise, b. Aug. 28, 1956; married Randy Russell June 2, 1979; had three years of advanced education at Amarillo Junior College and West Texas State University. She planned to finish her college program when her husband graduated.

Children of her second marriage:

- iii. Susan Renee, b. June 29, 1960; second year at West Texas University in 1982; interpreted for deaf at church.
- iv. John Scott, b. Dec. 27, 1963; freshman at Texas Technical University in 1982.

Reference: Mrs. Hackney L. Long

HACKNEY EUGENE LONG⁹, the son of Hackney Lee and Wanda Louise (Coan) Long, was born April 7, 1941, in Amarillo, Texas. He attended Amarillo Junior College and Texas University for three years and in 1982 was employed as Senior Systems Analyst at Rockwell International, Seal Beach, California. On January 31, 1964, in Downey, California, he married Shirley Swanson, who was born August 27, 1935, in Black Duck, Minnesota. She worked in insurance.

Children (stepchildren) SWANSON, all born in Black Duck, Minnesota

- i. Kathy, b. Jan. 11, 1956
- ii. Jeanine, b. Oct. 14, 1958
- iii. Peggy, b. Oct. 4, 1959



Hackney Eugene Long and Shirley Swanson Long



Kathy Swanson Austin and Kevin Austin



Brian (rear), Jason, and Adam Austin



Jeanine Swanson



Peggy, Lewis, and baby Jody Goodwin

Reference: Mrs. Hackney L. Long

FRANK EUGENE⁸ COAN (Frank⁷, Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born at Creston, Iowa, on October 25, 1913, the son of Frank and Ollie D. (Patterson) Coan. He married on July 25, 1938, at Borger, Texas, Irene Russell, born September 14, 1913, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the daughter of Harvey and Onnie Elizabeth Russell. Frank served in the United States Coast Guard 1942-1945. He then established his own business as accountant and auditor in Amarillo, Texas. Irene became his secretary. She was active in the church and community; was past-president of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church; past-president of the Heart Board; and past-president of the Pilot Club, a business women's organization. Frank and Irene had no children.

Reference: Frank Eugene Coan

DOROTHY⁸ COAN (Frank⁷, Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Greenfield, Iowa, July 31, 1917, the daughter of Frank and Ollie D. (Patterson) Coan. She was graduated from Amarillo High School in Amarillo, Texas. On July 8, 1945, in Amarillo she married Horace Earl Watkins, Jr., the son of Horace Earl and Wanda (Jones) Watkins. After his graduation from high school, he took correspondence courses in accounting. During World War II he served five years with the United States Army in the 36th Infantry Division. After the war he worked in accounting and as a salesman.

Dorothy worked ten years for Commercial Credit Corporation and later owned a gift shop in Pampa, Texas. She played the violin in the symphony orchestra in Amarillo; and enjoyed dancing, crocheting, and hooking rugs.

Horace died in 1973 after having heart surgery.

Children (9) WATKINS

- i. Judy, b. Oct. 31, 1947
- ii. Sherry, b. June 20, 1951

Reference: Mrs. Horace E. Watkins, Jr., 2338 Glenview, Tyler, TX 75701

JUDY WATKINS⁹, the daughter of Horace Earl, Jr., and Dorothy (Coan) Watkins, was born in Amarillo, Texas, October 31, 1947. She married Fred Tinsley, Jr., an Episcopal priest. In 1982 they lived in Midland, Texas.

Children (10) TINSLEY

- i. Stephanie
- ii. Amanda

Reference: Mrs. Horace E. Watkins, Jr.

SHERRY WATKINS⁹, the daughter of Horace Earl, Jr., and Dorothy (Coan) Watkins, was born in Amarillo, Texas, June 20, 1951. She married Glenn Young. In 1982 they lived in Tyler, Texas, where they owned the Best Fence Company.

Children (10) YOUNG

- i. Jennifer
- ii. Bonnie

Reference: Mrs. Horace E. Watkins, Jr.

RUTH LORRAINE⁸ COAN (Frank⁷, Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Arispe, Iowa, June 16, 1919, the daughter of Frank and Ollie D. (Patterson) Coan. In 1937 she was graduated from Amarillo High School and taught dancing with Dixie Dice until 1941. After World War II broke out, she worked at the Amarillo Air Force Base. It was here that she met Max E. Warren, and they were married May 9, 1943, in Portales, New Mexico.

Max was the son of Earl and Grace Warren. He was graduated from East High School, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1937 and then attended a commercial college for two years. He went to California in 1940 and worked at the Bank of America in Long Beach. When the war broke out, he enlisted in the Air Force and in 1942 was sent to Wichita Falls, Texas. He was payroll clerk in his squadron. When Amarillo Air Force Base opened in October, 1942, he was transferred there. In 1944 he was sent to New Guinea and the Philippines. When the war ended in 1945, he returned to Amarillo and went to work for Southwestern Investment Company. He then worked for Nash Motors and in 1950 went into real estate for himself.

Ruth and Max moved to California in 1962, and Max went into the building business with his brother and uncle. When interest rates went up, he left this business and went to work for the Veterans' Administration where he worked for 15 years and in 1982 was still employed. Max was always interested in sports and for 25 years coached boys' football, basketball, and baseball. He also refereed for high school teams in small towns surrounding Amarillo. While he was at Amarillo, he taught a Sunday School class of young boys at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church.

After Ruth moved to California, she started doing volunteer work at Pacific Hospital in Long Beach. She became a



Frank Eugene Coan and Irene Russell Coan



(left) Ruth Coan Warren, Dorothy Coan Watkins, Frank Eugene Coan, and Wanda Coan Long, (right) Ruth Lorraine Coan Warren.



(top, left to right) Stephanie Tinsley, Amanda Tinsley, Judy Watkins Tinsley, Frank Tinsley, Jr. (bottom left) Dorothy Coan Watkins and Horace Earl Watkins, Jr. (bottom right) Sherry Watkins Young with husband Glenn holding Bonnie and Jennifer.



paid employee at this hospital and worked there for four years. In 1982 she was back volunteering again and finding great satisfaction in this work. She and Max were living then at Lakewood, California.

Children (9) WARREN

- i. Max E., Jr., b. Mar. 2, 1944
- ii. Mark E., b. Sept. 15, 1947

Reference: Mrs. Max Warren, Sr., 4408 Clubhouse Dr., Lakewood, CA 90712

MAX E. WARREN, JR.⁹, was born in Amarillo, Texas, March 2, 1944, the son of Max E. and Ruth Lorraine (Coan) Warren. In 1962 he was graduated an honor student from Tascosa High School in Amarillo. That year his family moved to California where he received his advanced education and in 1966 a B.S. degree. In the fall of 1966 he entered a California medical college and was graduated with an M.D. degree in 1970. August 19, 1967, in Lakewood, he married Barbara A. McCarty, daughter of Dale and Delores McCarty.

In 1971 when he was doing his internship, he joined the National Guard for six years. In 1972 he served two years of residency and two years of fellowship in cardiology. In 1975 he and three other cardiologists opened an office, and he served as chief of staff at a local hospital. He held membership on many hospital committees and in a wine tasting group. He and Barbara belonged to the Christian Church.

Barbara was graduated from Lakewood High School in Lakewood, California, and attended City College in Long Beach for two years where she majored in business. She worked in a department store and then in the admitting office of Pacific Hospital in Long Beach.

In 1982 she belonged to a women's bowling league; and she and Max, Jr., lived with their family in California.

Children (10) WARREN

- i. Jeffrey Allyn, b. Oct. 14, 1969
- ii. Kevin Ryan, b. Dec. 20, 1979

Reference: Mrs. Max Warren, Sr.

MARK E. WARREN⁹ was born in Amarillo, Texas, September 15, 1947, the son of Max E. and Ruth Lorraine (Coan) Warren. When the family moved to Lakewood, California, in 1962, Mark entered high school where he played drums in the band, later became drum major, and was an honor student. He also belonged to the Ambassador Drum and Bugle Corps. In 1965 he was graduated valedictorian of his class and went on to col-

lege for three years of pre-medical study. July 26, 1969, in Long Beach, he married Hulda L. Dunbar, daughter of Cleo and Hulda Dunbar. After he received a D.D.S. degree in 1972 he and Hulda toured Europe for three months. When they returned, Mark worked for a group of dentists until he opened his own office in 1974. Besides practicing dentistry, he also taught Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and was working on something fairly new in dentistry--lining up the jaw. He also worked in preventive dentistry. He enjoyed golf and had a horse which all the family rode. They attended a Lutheran church.

Hulda was graduated in 1966 from Jordan High School in Long Beach. She attended California State University at Long Beach and received a B.S. degree in nursing in 1970. She worked at a medical center and as a county nurse. "Between children" she went back to school and earned her master's degree.

In 1982 Mark and Hulda lived in California.

Children (10) WARREN

- i. Jon Eric, b. May 14, 1974
- ii. Erin Elizabeth, b. Aug. 14, 1977
- iii. Hulda Laxdal Lorraine, b. Feb. 27, 1981

Reference: Mrs. Max Warren, Sr.

RUTH M.⁷ COAN (Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Creston, Iowa, February 24, 1893, the daughter of Benjamin Walker and Mary Jane (McNair) Coan. On December 1, 1917, in Creston she married Roy F. Oehler, who was born March 9, 1892. Roy died April 8, 1921, in Creston. Ruth married second January 4, 1924, in Des Moines Charles T. Kaveney, born August 2, 1888. He died March 20, 1952, in Des Moines; Ruth, March 10, 1981, in Marshalltown.

Children (8) OEHLER

- i. Joe Coan, b. Sept. 17, 1918, Creston, Ia.; d. Feb. 9, 1919, Creston
- ii. Jay C., b. July 9, 1920

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

JAY C. OEHLER⁸, the son of Roy F. and Ruth M. (Coan) Oehler, was born July 9, 1920, in Pacific Junction, Iowa. On August 8, 1948, in Dysart, Iowa, he married Nadine L. _____, who was born in Dysart March 31, 1925.

Children (9) OEHLER

- i. Jane, b. Oct. 1, 1951, Iowa City, Ia
- ii. Susan, b. Oct. 27, 1952, Iowa City
- iii. Christine, b. July 14, 1957, Iowa City
- iv. John Charles, b. Sept. 7, 1958, Iowa City

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

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GOLDIE IRENE¹ COAN (Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Creston, Iowa, February 9, 1895, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Jane (McNair) Coan. On August 30, 1913, in Creston she married Maurice Albaugh, who was born January 4, 1894. Maurice died March 31, 1945, in Creston. Goldie died there August 16, 1975.

Children (8) ALBAUGH

- i. Maurine, b. Dec. 31, 1913
- ii. Lewis Eugene, b. Sept. 21, 1915
- iii. Margaret, b. Oct. 22, 1919

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

⁸
MAURINE ALBAUGH⁸, the daughter of Maurice and Goldie Irene (Coan) Albaugh, was born in Afton, Iowa, December 31, 1913. In June, 1937, she married John Sloan, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, July 4, 1912. Maurine died in Creston in April, 1957.

Children (9) SLOAN

- i. John, Jr., b. July 13, 1942, Chicago; m. Marilyn _____.

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

⁸
LEWIS EUGENE ALBAUGH⁸, the son of Maurice and Goldie Irene (Coan) Albaugh, was born in Creston, Iowa, September 21, 1915. On October 17, 1937, he married Vivian Weeker, who was born in Stringtown, Iowa, February 21, 1916.

Children (9) ALBAUGH

- i. Gary, b. Mar. 29, 1941, Creston, Ia.; m. Ames, Iowa, Feb. 5, 1965, Edith Ann _____, born Jan. 2, 1940
- ii. Michael, b. June 16, 1946, Red Oak, La.; m. Nov. 12, 1965, Honolulu, Cherlyn Lynn _____, b. Apr. 11, 1947

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

MARGARET ALBAUGH⁸, the daughter of Maurice and Goldie Irene (Coan) Albaugh, was born October 22, 1919, in Creston, Iowa. In September, 1939, she married Floyd Leon McMath, who was born March 31, 1909, in Allerton, Iowa. Floyd died December, 1980.

Children (9) McMATH

- i. Richard, b. Apr. 28, 1940, Creston, Ia.
- ii. David, b. July 1, 1948; d. Aug. 12, 1967, Vietnam
- iii. Dee Ann, b. May 4, 1952, Creston, Ia.

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

RALPH WILLIAM⁷ COAN (Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born at Creston, Iowa, December 20, 1903, the son of Benjamin Walker and Mary Jane (McNair) Coan. On June 20, 1925, in Des Moines, Iowa, he married Ruth Darline Johnson, who was born September 6, 1905, in Denver, Colorado.

Ralph worked all his life in the grocery business--first in retailing; then for 39 years traveling for grocery brokerage companies in Iowa. He retired February 1, 1981; and in 1982 he and his wife lived in Urbandale, Iowa.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Clairice Louise (Pat), b. Apr. 9, 1927
- ii. Ralph William, Jr., b. Nov. 21, 1930
- iii. Robert Eugene, b. Apr. 25, 1932, Hereford, Tex.;
d. May 31, 1933, Des Moines, Ia.
- iv. Richard Alan, b. Dec. 17, 1941

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

CLARICE LOUISE (PAT)⁸ COAN (Ralph W.⁷, Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Des Moines, Iowa, April 9, 1927, the daughter of Ralph William and Ruth Darline (Johnson) Coan. On January 15, 1946, in Boone, Iowa, she married Veryl V. Olofson, who was born in Stratford, Iowa, June 9, 1927. In Omaha, Nebraska, August 21, 1969, she married second Lyle Clark, born February 17, 1919, and died December 5, 1975. On December 15, 1979, at Des Moines she married third Bill Pirkle, who was born July 22, 1932, at Grapevian, Texas.

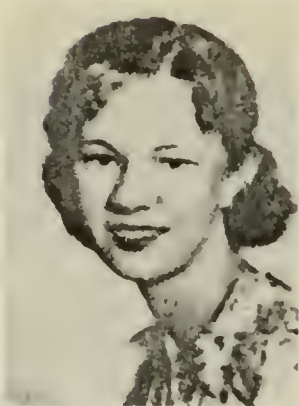
Clarice worked five and a half years for the Iowa Methodist Medical Center and two doctors. In 1982 she was rounding out her twelfth year of work for the city of Des Moines.

(top) Ralph William Coan, Sr., and Darline Johnson Coan; (center left) Darline Johnson Coan, Ralph William Coan, Sr., Ralph William Coan, Jr., Barbara Jean Dale Coan, Diana Dee Odom Coan, Richard Alan Coan, Sr.; (center right) Clarice (Pat) Coan Pirkle and Bill Pirkle; (bottom left) Michael Duane Coan and Marjorie Diana Coan; (bottom right) The Richard Alan Coan, Sr., family Tammy Lee, Diana, Daniel Matthew, Richard, Richard Alan, Jr.





*Luella Bernice Coan Storey on her 83rd birthday.
Courtesy Mrs. Berlyn H. Wiles.*



*Luolin Elizabeth
Storey. Courtesy
The Campanile,
Class of 1935, Rice
University.*



*William Lyndon
Storey. Courtesy
The Campanile,
Class of 1935, Rice
University.*



*Inez Belle
Storey. Cour-
tesy West Texas
State Universi-
ty, Canyon.*

Children (9) OLOFSON all born in Boone, Iowa

- i. Linda Louise, b. May 5, 1947
- ii. Larry Wayne, b. May 5, 1947
- iii. Patrick Lee, b. Dec. 12, 1950

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

⁹
LINDA LOUISE OLOFSON, the daughter of Veryl V. and Clarice Louise (Coan) Olofson, was born May 5, 1947, in Boone, Iowa. On August 20, 1966, at Boone she married Ronald Silver, who was born September 5, 1946.

Children (10) SILVER

- i. Timothy Wayne, b. Jan. 19, 1970, Boone, Ia.
- ii. Lorraine, b. June 24, 1974, Bettendorf, Ia.
- iii. Steven, b. Apr. 3, 1978, Bettendorf, Ia.

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

⁹
LARRY WAYNE OLOFSON, the son of Veryl V. and Clarice Louise (Coan) Olofson, was born May 5, 1947, in Boone, Iowa. On June 19, 1972, in Madrid, Iowa, he married Cheryl Herrstrom, who was born in Luther, Iowa.

Children (10) OLOFSON

- i. Erica Beth, b. Aug. 15, 1975, Cedar Rapids, Ia.;
d. Sept. 12, 1975, Cedar Rapids
- ii. Kirsten, b. Oct. 26, 1977, Bowling Green, Ky.
- iii. Kara Ruth, b. Dec. 15, 1979, Bowling Green, Ky.
- iv. Mark William, b. Jan. 20, 1982, Sac City, Ia.

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

⁹
PATRICK LEE OLOFSON, the son of Veryl V. and Clarice Louise (Coan) Olofson, was born December 12, 1950, in Boone, Iowa. On June 5, 1976, in Waterloo, Iowa, he married Samra Jensen.

Children (10) OLOFSON

- i. Thomas Patrick, b. Nov. 16, 1977, Boone, Ia.
- ii. Anne Marie, b. June 22, 1979, Ames, Ia.
- iii. Brenna, a twin, b. Feb. 25, 1981; d. Mar. 24
1981
- iv. Britta, a twin, b. Feb. 25, 1981, Ames, Ia.

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

RALPH WILLIAM⁸ COAN, JR. (Ralph W.⁷, Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Des Moines, Iowa, November 21, 1930, the son of Ralph William and Ruth Darline (Johnson) Coan. On March 7, 1943, in Lehigh, Iowa, he married Barbara Jean Dale, who was born August 28, 1934, in Lehigh.

Ralph joined the National Guard January 6, 1948, and served until July, 1977. He then transferred to the Army Reserve and the 103rd COSCOM. He served as security, plans and operations, and then as chief of staff. February 28, 1981 he was appointed Brigadier General in the Army Reserve.

In 1982 he was facilities manager of George A. Rolfe Company in Boone, Iowa, where he had been employed since January, 1967. The company manufactured agricultural equipment. As facilities manager Ralph was responsible for all production of three manufacturing plants, as well as all purchasing and inventory control.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Marjorie Diane, b. July 2, 1956, Boone, Ia.
- ii. Michael Duane, b. June 13, 1959, Boone, Ia.

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

RICHARD ALAN⁸ COAN (Ralph W.⁷, Benjamin W.⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Boone, Iowa, December 17, 1941, the son of Ralph William and Ruth Darline (Johnson) Coan. On December 13, 1964, in Manhattan, Kansas, he married Diana Dee Odom, who was born December 20, 1942, in Amarillo, Texas.

He was a member of the Iowa and Alaska National Guard for 22 years before retiring to the inactive Army Reserve in 1981.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Richard Alan, Jr., b. July 16, 1965, Kansas City, Mo.
- ii. Tammy Lee, b. July 5, 1968, Des Moines, Ia.
- iii. Daniel Matthew, b. Dec. 5, 1973, Des Moines, Ia.

Reference: Mrs. Ralph W. Coan, Sr.

ASA⁶ COAN (William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born June 2, 1858, in LaSalle County, Illinois, the son of William and Abigail (Hall) Coan. He married Silena Phillips September 15, 1881. She was born June 2, 1860, in LaSalle County, Illinois. Asa died March 28, 1940, in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Silena, April 20, 1936, in Fountain, Colorado.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Luella Bernice, b. July 17, 1882
- ii. Elmer Clare, b. Aug. 25, 1884
- iii. Chester Asa, b. July 1, 1888
- iv. Mary Inez, b. May 7, 1890

LUELLA BERNICE⁷ COAN (Asa⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 17, 1882, in Lostant, LaSalle County, Illinois, the daughter of Asa and Silena (Phillips) Coan. August 25, 1909, in Fountain, Colorado, she married Olin Kurgeon Storey who was born in Cotton Gin, Freestone County, Texas, January 25, 1883, and died in Vernon, Texas, October 7, 1966. Luella died January 1, 1977, in Vernon and was buried in East View Cemetery.

Children (8) STOREY

- i. Luolin Elizabeth, b. Apr. 12, 1913
- ii. William Lyndon, b. Aug. 5, 1914
- iii. Inez Belle, b. Aug. 6, 1916
- iv. Vera Pearl, b. Feb. 1, 1918
- v. Sarah Silena, b. Mar. 7, 1925

LUOLIN ELIZABETH STOREY⁸, daughter of Olin Kurgeon and Luella Bernice (Coan) Storey, was born April 12, 1913, in Denver Colorado. She was graduated from high school in Vernon, Texas, valedictorian of her class. She attended Rice Institute (now Rice University) in Houston, Texas, and received a B.A. degree with distinction in 1935. On January 12, 1936, in Richmond, Texas, she married Edgar Altenburg, who was born in New York City June 11, 1888. He had a Ph.D. degree from Columbia University, taught at Rice Institute, and was an eminent scientist.

Luolin returned to Rice in 1945, at which time she began work on fruit fly genetics. In 1947 she was invited to be guest investigator at Indiana University in Dr. H. J. Muller's laboratory (he's a former Nobel Prize winner in fruit fly genetics). In 1948 she got a three-year pre-doctoral fellowship from the Atomic Energy Commission, to work in one of four radio-biology laboratories set up in strategic areas in the nation for the study of peaceful uses of isotopes.

She made medical history in New York City in 1950 when she announced at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science the development of a test to detect and possibly classify the viruses that cause such diseases as colds, smallpox, flu and polio. After getting her Ph.D. at Rice in 1951 she did graduate work on viruses at the University of Oxford through a three-year fellowship.

Back to Houston--and continued experiments. She left Rice and was sponsored by Baylor University College of Medicine until 1964, when she moved to St. Thomas (University of St. Thomas, Houston.)

(Martin Dreyer, "Fruit Fly Lady," Texas Magazine, Sunday, January 9, 1966, pp. 18-29.)

In 1959 Edgar and Luolin were divorced and that year she married second Henry Browning. They were divorced June 1, 1961.

To quote again from Martin Dreyer's article on Luolin--in 1966:

she and her long-time associate, Dr. Edgar Altenburg, will package 2000 adult fruit flies aboard a bio satellite. It will be one of 14 biological experiments to be flown on the satellite. Three of them will be genetics experiments, of which hers will be the principal one and the largest.

The bio satellite--first of a series--is slated for a 3 1/2 day orbit. The flies--the kind you see gathered on rotten bananas--will be tested for the genetic effects of weightlessness.

Said Dr. Browning: "We should be able to detect genetic hazards to man in space through studying the effects on fruit flies--because they're small and breed rapidly and more is known about their genetic make-up than any other organism."

The slim, blondish scientist knows her fruit flies. She's been doing continuous experiments with them since 1945. That's 20 long years with the tiny, winged creature that's known in scientific circles as 'drosophila.'

Luolin Browning conducts her research program in the spacious genetics lab at University of St. Thomas. The research is supported by funds from the General Medical Sciences of the U.S. Public Health Service and from NASA's bio satellite program.

"NASA is also supporting our research on the genetic effects of ultraviolet light," she said. (Her associate and former husband, Dr. Altenburg, an internationally known scientist, discovered in 1931 that ultraviolet light produces mutations.)

The lab, in a two-story building, truly hums with action. Lab assistants and technicians peer through microscopes, poke at the flies, make up individual matings, record data, etc., etc. There are six full-time workers and eight part-timers--one from Rice and the rest from St. Thomas.

The lab has a larger fruit fly population than Houston has people. At the latest count it was 2 million, give or take a few. They live in half-pint milk bottles, male and female, and they lay eggs like mad.

About 4000 of the bottles crowd the shelves, each holding some 500 flies and tasty meals of cornmeal syrup, yeast and sugar.

Also there are 15,000 vials of the flies in special breeding boxes.

Dr. Browning moves around, touching a bottle here, fingering a vial there, and there's an affectionate--as well as scientific--gleam in her eye. This is her project. She has lived with it through the years, seen it grow, knows its importance to man.

"Our object is to increase the knowledge of the basic genetic principles that would probably apply to all forms of life," she explained.

"One of our objectives is to try to determine the nature of the gene and the mutation process. A result of this would be more knowledge of the cause of cancer.

There is definitely a relationship between cancer and mutations. Whatever causes mutations in a wide variety of organisms also causes cancers, and vice versa. If we find out what causes mutations, then others will use the information to find ways to avoid the mutations."

Dr. Browning said the experiments include the study of radiation hazards and hazards from noxious chemicals in the environment.

Luolin Browning also teaches courses in genetics and evolution at University of St. Thomas, is associate professor of biology. (Martin Dreyer, "Fruit Fly Lady," Texas Magazine, Sunday, January 9, 1966, pp. 17-21.)

Children (9) ALTENBURG

- i. Robert Alexander, b. Jan. 22, 1941, Houston, Texas; educated at the University of Houston with a major in physics; married: daughter, Carla Patricia, b. Jan. 31, 1971
- ii. Lewis Conrad, b. May 12, 1942, Houston, Texas; a graduate of Rice University; did graduate work in bio-chemistry at University of Oklahoma; married: daughter, Kristin Lee, b. Mar. 9, 1969

Reference: Miriam Kass, "Space Flies," Houston Post, March 22, 1964.
Theodore H. Smith

WILLIAM LYNDON STOREY⁸, son of Olin Kurgeon and Luella Bernice (Coan) Storey, was born August 5, 1914, in Tulia, Texas. He was graduated from Rice Institute in 1935 and received his law degree in 1938 from Texas State University in Austin. In 1941 he enlisted in the Naval Reserve and went

to Pearl Harbor in April, 1942. He served in communications and did Judge Advocate work. September 27, 1943, he married Evelyn H. Shraeder in Vernon, Texas. After the war, he continued in the navy and taught law at the naval base in Dallas. He became a captain.

INEZ BELLE STOREY⁸, daughter of Olin Kurgeon and Luella Bernice (Coan) Storey, was born August 6, 1916, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. She was graduated from West Texas College in Canyon in June, 1938, and worked for Standard Oil in Houston, New Orleans, and San Francisco. June 19, 1944, she married Wilburn Hale Seals, who was born July 22, 1916, in Archer City, Texas. He was graduated from the University of Texas. On his return from service in the Navy, he worked for Standard Oil in Venezuela for four years and returned to Dallas.

Children (9) SEALS

- i. Alan Edward, b. June 11, 1947, Dallas. Tex.
- ii. Marilyn Inez, b. May 6, 1951, Fort Worth, Tex.
- iii. Beverly Lu, b. June 15, 1953; a lawyer

VERA PEARL STOREY⁸, the daughter of Olin Kurgeon and Luella Bernice (Coan) Storey, was born February 1, 1918. She was graduated from West Texas College, Canyon, Texas, in 1939. She married Charles E. Mandville, III on November 6, 1943.

Children (9) MANDVILLE

- i. Charles E. IV, b. July 14, 1947; m. Judi Ann Richardson Sept. 17, 1970; one son, Charles E. V., b. July 5, 1972
- ii. Jill S.; m. Peter Higgins

SARAH SILENA STOREY⁸, daughter of Olin Kurgeon and Luella Bernice (Coan) Storey, was born March 7, 1925, in Vernon, Texas. She went one year to Trinity University in Texas. April 28, 1945, she married in Vernon, Texas, Everett Allen Russell, who was born February 9, 1922, in Canton, Illinois. He was graduated from Brown Business College in Peoria, Illinois, and served in the Air Force in World War II from April, 1942, to December, 1945. He died June 29, 1970. The Russells lived for fifteen years in Indianapolis, Indiana, then moved to Richardson, Texas.

Children (9) RUSSELL

- i. Gregory Allen, b. Oct. 2, 1950, Indianapolis, Ind.

ELMER CLARE⁷ COAN (Asa⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born August 25, 1884, in probably LaSalle County, Illinois, son of Asa and Silena (Phillips) Coan. He died April 22, 1938, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

CHESTER ASA⁷ COAN (Asa⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 1, 1888, in Creston, Iowa, son of Asa and Silena (Phillips) Coan. He married June E. Parrott July 28, 1928.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Frances Silena, b. Mar. 11, 1930

FRANCES SILENA⁸ COAN (Chester A.⁷, Asa⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born March 11, 1930, daughter of Chester Asa and June (Parrott) Coan. She married Carl Zehr December 20, 1957.

Children (9) ZEHR

- i. Laura K., b. Feb. 3, 1960
- ii. Paul, b. May 11, 1964

MARY INEZ⁷ COAN (Asa⁶, William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born May 7, 1890, in Creston, Iowa, daughter of Asa and Silena (Phillips) Coan. She married Charles W. Riddoch December 28, 1911, in Fountain, Colorado. He was born June 22, 1884, in Clarinda, Iowa.

Children (8) RIDDOCH

- i. Merrill Coan, b. Jan. 9, 1913; d. Dec. 3, 1913
- ii. Charles Keith, b. Dec. 1, 1914
- iii. Leland Asa, b. May 30, 1917

CHARLES KEITH RIDDOCH⁸, son of Charles W. and Mary Inez (Coan) Riddoch, was born December 1, 1914, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. He married Elizabeth Ann Barrie in 1938.

Children (9) RIDDOCH

- i. Barrie Lee, b. Mar. 19, 1946, Colorado Springs, Col.
- ii. Richard Keith, b. Dec. 14, 1947, Colorado Springs, Col.
- iii. Elizabeth Ann, b. Nov. 17, 1955, Colorado Springs, Col.

LELAND ASA RIDDOCH⁸, son of Charles W. and Mary Inez (Coan) Riddoch, was born May 30, 1917, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He married Hilda Johnson in 1942 in Seattle, Washington.

Children (9) RIDDOCH both born in Seattle, Washington

- i. Ivy Lee, b. Feb. 23, 1945
- ii. Leland Mark, b. Oct. 28, 1947

WILLIAM⁶ COAN (William⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was the son of William and Abigail (Hall) Coan. Several years after his father died, he was sent to live with his uncle and aunt, Jim and Jane (Hall) Shipley, who were rather stern. He ran away from home when he was fifteen and the family lost track of him for thirty years. He settled in Joplin, Missouri, married, and had two children.

COLLINS A.⁵ COAN (Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born March 25, 1830, the son of Asa and Mary (Jones) Coan. He married Deborah Head, born in Pennsylvania, about 1834. He was foreman of a sawmill in Adams County, Ohio, in 1860, and lived in Lacon, Illinois, later. He was said to have been a bridge builder in later life.

- i. Edwin, b. ca. 1856
- ii. Charles, b. ca. 1858
- iii. Mary, b. ca. 1863; m. _____ Dunham, lived in Wenona, Ill.
- iv. Grace, b. ca. 1865; m. _____ Potter, lived in South Bend, Ind.
- v. Myrtle, b. ca. 1871
- vi. Pearl, b. ca. 1873; m. _____ Peeples, lived in South Bend, Ind.

Reference: Theodore H. Smith

MYRTLE⁶ COAN (Collins A.⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) who was born about 1871, in Lacon, Illinois, was the daughter of Collins A. and Deborah (Head) Coan. She married Downey. Myrtle died 1960-1962, aged 90. Mr. Downey died August 8, 1965, aged nearly 94.

Children (7) DOWNEY

- i. Peggy, m. Gene Graven; lived in Merced, Cal., in 1965

Reference: Theodore H. Smith



Asa Coan



Dr. Luolin Browning working on her experiment with fruit flies. Courtesy Dan Hardy, Houston Post, March 22, 1964



The Reverend Asa W. Coan



Charles F. Coan. Courtesy Charles F. Coan, A History of New Mexico, Vol. 3.

ASA W.⁵ COAN (Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was the son of Asa and Mary (Jones) Coan. For his biography I will quote an article that appeared in the Herald of Gospel Liberty, Dayton, Ohio, in July, 1898.

November 13, 1833, Asa W. Coan was born near the village of Rome, in Adams Co., O. He was one of a family of twelve children, seven of whom were sons and five, daughters. His paternal grandfather, Colonel Wm. Coan, was of German descent. His maternal grandfather, Dr. John Jones, was of Welsh extraction. Both grandfathers were soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Both his parents and grandparents were members of the Christian Church.

His educational advantages in boyhood were limited, but in 1853 he entered Clermont Academy, Adams Co., of which Prof. James K. Parker was principal. He gave Prof. Parker great credit as an educator and felt his personal obligations to be peculiarly great to the man; that he had generously helped him to become what he was in life.

In 1855 he divided the year between teaching and work in the Academy. In 1856 he opened a private school for advanced scholars, which he continued for two years, with a good degree of success. He continued in his profession as teacher until 1862, but meantime sharing his strength and time with a higher calling, one that he intended should be his life work. As a teacher he was making himself more fully ready for his greater work.

Jan. 12, 1852, when in the nineteenth year of his age, he united with the Christian Church of Stout's Run in Adams Co. and at once began the work of the ministry. He had remarkable success in evangelistic work, so much so, that his elders in the ministry discouraged his ambition for further scholastic advantages. But properly measuring the demands of the age on the ministry, he entered school as student and teacher, for a fuller preparation for the work. Meantime, he regularly served the people of his choice by pulpit labors.

In 1857 Bro. Coan married Miss Mary Morton. Three sons and one daughter were born to them.

His intense opposition to Slavery made him a marked man in the councils of the Republican party, and at the earnest solicitations of his political friends, he became a candidate for the legislature and was elected for the term of 1855-57 [actually, 1865-67]. He had qualified himself for this new sphere by a course of legal reading and study of parliamentary tactics.

Retiring in 1857 [1867] from the political arena, he was chosen pastor of the Enon, O. Christian Church. He continued in that relationship for two years, when a broader field opened to him in a call from the Provi-

dence, R. I., Christian Church. There, for a time, in connection with his pastoral work he engaged in the publication of the Living Christian, a weekly religious newspaper of real merit.

In 1873 Bro. Coan removed to Marion, Ind. taking pastoral charge of the church in that city, in which relationship he continued for two years. In 1875 he took pastoral charge of the Jamestown, O., Christian Church, which he served for one year, when he removed to Yellow Springs and became pastor of that church, which he served for a period of five years.

In 1881, being elected to the editorship of the Herald of Gospel Liberty, he removed to Dayton and entered upon the last vigorous work of his life. For nearly four years he gave himself with intense devotion to the editorship. In June, 1884, he received a slight paralytic stroke, but despite the warnings of wise and devoted friends, refused to lay down the heavy burdens of his position. On Friday, Feb. 6, 1885, a second stroke came while he was at work in his office; under that stroke he fell as one dead. For some time he was completely disabled and felt compelled to relinquish his editorial responsibilities. After a time he rallied from the shock and removed to Enon, O., his old home, and resumed there the pastoral work, but on Saturday evening, June 26, [1886] at 9 o'clock, when the preparations for one more Sabbath's labor were all complete, a third stroke fell upon our brother. He lingered in a helpless and almost speechless state until the early morning of Wednesday, the 30th of June, when at 4:20 the spirit of Asa W. Coan departed from this earthly life. Only the week before he had taken part in the Commencement Exercises at Antioch College. In a brief speech on the occasion he had said, "This is the last Commencement I ever expect to attend....I am only holding on by the willows." Alas! How feeble was the hold! How speedy was the going!

Bro. Coan had been honored greatly by his people. His positions of trust and responsibility were many and honorable. He had for years been a trustee of the Publishing House and of the Christian Biblical Institute. For many years he had been president of the Central O. Conference; was a member of the Educational Board of Antioch College; and for one term was president of the Quadrennial Convention. He was a born leader of men. His counsel was with wisdom and his devotion to the work of his Church whole-hearted. His was a commanding presence. Few men looked the leader more completely than did he. Few men, perhaps, of nobler appearance ever graced our council chambers. He looked like one built for a hundred years of toil. He was a man of generous heart, magnificent physique, fine mental ability, and large pulpit power!

In 1881, Bro. Coan published a book of 434 pages, entitled Gospel Sermons by Christian Ministers. The volume contains twenty-six sermons, with portraits and biographical sketches of each contributor. No volume was ever issued from the press of the Christians, of greater, if of equal value. It is a rich monument to the name of Rev. A. W. Coan.

The funeral services of Brother Coan were at Enon, his last home. Twenty-four ministers were present. Addresses were made by Elders Long, Black, and Summerbell and Elders McWhinney, Weeks, Warbinton, and Coil conducted other portions of the service. While the clergy encircled the casket, a verse of Sweet Bye and Bye was sung, and each man felt that a noble brother had entered into rest; indeed, that a mighty prince had fallen in Israel! The interment took place at Yellow Springs, O., where many of his best years had been given to the Church.

His memory will be cherished by a large circle of friends, as one of the heroes of truth!

The following is from his obituary by O. W. Powers in The Antiochian:

Antioch College had no truer friend. He stood firmly by its interests, in good fortune or ill, and, with his associates in the Board, omitted no effort to carry out the designs and realize the hopes of the founders and friends of the college. And when, at the last Commencement, the Trustees announced the brightening outlook, none were more hopefully glad than he. His words at the Commencement dinner will ever seem to those who heard them as at once a prophecy of the future prosperity of Antioch, and a sadder prophecy of his own approaching end. In one week from that day he was no more.

From a beautiful memorial essay by Rev. G. D. Black, we take the following:

"Asa W. Coan was an earnest and a thoroughly conscientious man. What he believed he believed with his might and he was fearless in his advocacy of it. He was not a cringer. His mind dwelt constantly and loftily on the great themes respecting God, man, and duty; and they were to him stern, solemn realities.

Only today a man of distinction in politics, who sat next to Coan in the Ohio General Assembly in 1866-67, told me he never knew a man in his life more conscientious and terribly in earnest than A. W. Coan. He said that his own party could not depend on his vote if the measure was one that he conceived to be questionable as to its character; that the moment he saw a disposition in his party to play fast and loose with a principle of right or truth, he was sure to bolt. He

also said that his ability to grasp questions, and his strength and courage in debate, easily made him a leader on his side of the House."

Asa's wife, Mary Morton, was born July 13, 1838, in Ohio. She married Asa August 26, 1857, in Adams County, Ohio. She died January 27, 1924, in Massachusetts.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Asa Morton, b. Sept. 12, 1858; d. Jan. 27, 1909; architect and builder; died single
- ii. John Leet, b. Aug. 26, 1860
- iii. Ella M., b. May 14, 1863
- iv. Charles William, b. Oct. 23, 1874

JOHN LEET⁶ COAN (Asa W.⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born August 26, 1860, in Ohio, son of Asa W. and Mary (Morton) Coan. On May 2, 1887, he married Sarah Margery Hanger who, like John, was the child of a minister. They met while attending Antioch College. John was in the printing business in Dayton, Ohio, until his son went West to college. Then he moved his family to Seattle, Washington. He died May 1, 1941.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Charles Florus, b. Apr. 30, 1886
- ii. Mildred Eleanor

CHARLES FLORUS⁷ COAN (John L.⁶, Asa W.⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Dayton, Ohio, April 30, 1886, the son of John Leet and Sarah Margery (Hanger) Coan. Charles attended high school in Dayton and worked after school in his father's printing office and in the Dayton Public Library; A cousin, probably William⁶, (Charles⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹), who was a teacher at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, persuaded him to go West to college. He was graduated from the University of Washington in 1908. He did graduate work there for a year, but was threatened with failing eyesight; so he decided to try homesteading. He settled on 160 acres of government land in southeastern Oregon in the Burns district, 150 miles from the nearest railroad. After an unsuccessful year, he returned to Seattle and was offered a teaching position in the Tung Wen Institute at Amoy, China. He got the job on Wednesday and sailed on the following Saturday from Vancouver on the Empress of India. In 1912, after two years in China, he returned to Seattle.

Next he taught in a grammar school in Port Townsend, Washington; in January, 1913, he became director of Collins

Field House, a municipal social center in Seattle. At this point he decided to return to college and spent the next two years at the University of California doing graduate study in history. From 1915-1918 he taught history in Alameda High School in Alameda, California.

At the beginning of the United States' participation in World War I, he enlisted for service in the Second Hospital Corps at the University of California, but was disqualified because of his eyesight. In the summer of 1918 he succeeded in enlisting in the National Guard in Seattle. When the war ended, he returned to the University of California where he received his Ph.D. in history in 1920. That fall he accepted the position of associate professor of history at the University of New Mexico. He became a full professor in 1922.

March 9, 1924, he married Mary Leonor Wright, the daughter of Clarence Wright of Springer, New Mexico. She attended the University of Missouri, the University of New Mexico; and was a teacher at Union High School in Grants, New Mexico, at the University of New Mexico, and at Stephens College.

Charles was the author of A History of New Mexico. He died September 19, 1928.

Children (8) COAN

i. John Victor, b. Aug. 23, 1926

JOHN VICTOR⁸ COAN (Charles F.⁷, John L.⁶, Asa W.⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 23, 1926, the son of Charles Florus and Mary (Wright) Coan. He received his early education in the public schools of Albuquerque. In 1951 he attended the University of Kansas; in 1952 he was graduated from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Laws degree.

After being admitted to the bar, he practiced law in both Albuquerque and Grants. He served as judge of the small-claims court of Bernalillo County, as assistant city attorney at Grants, and as a member of the board of trustees of the town of Grants. While he was trustee, Grants received the All-American City Award, the only municipality of New Mexico and Arizona in the finals.

John was a marine in World War II and was in action with the Leathernecks' Third Corps in the South Pacific. He was in the service from 1943 to 1946.

At Trenton, Nebraska, on January 18, 1947, John married Arlene Pennell who was born in Trenton June 10, 1925, the daughter of Fred and Emma (Dayton) Pennell. Arlene was a beautician, a painter, and an avid bridge player.

John was a member of Mesa Lodge No. 68 of the Masons at Albuquerque, served as Judge Advocate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was chairman of the Boy Scout troop of the

First Methodist Church. He was actively concerned with public affairs, a member of and worker in the Democratic party, and a life-long resident of New Mexico.

Children (9) COAN all born at Albuquerque

- i. Barbara Leslie, b. May 18, 1951; teacher-principal of grade school, Loveland, Col.
- ii. Marc Wayne, b. Jan. 4, 1954; teacher; owned and operated furniture-woodworking business in Albuquerque, N.M.
- iii. Charles Frederick, b. Oct. 14, 1958; lieutenant, U. S. Army, 197th Infantry Brigade, Fort Benning, Ga.

MILDRED ELEANOR⁷ COAN (John L.⁶, Asa W.⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) daughter of John Leet and Sarah Margery (Hanger) Coan, married Ralph C. Wentworth July 23, 1913.

Children (9) WENTWORTH

- i. Margery; m. Hemple; two adopted children: Kathryn J. and James Allen
- ii. Mildred Eleanor; m. Brewster; two sons: David and Charles

ELLA M.⁶ COAN (Asa W.⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born May 14, 1863, the daughter of Asa W. and Mary (Morton) Coan. She received an A.B. degree from Antioch College in 1887. Her mother had attended Antioch during the administration of Horace Mann. From 1888 to 1891 she was a teacher of drawing and painting at the College. She then taught drawing in the public schools of Algona, Iowa, until 1893. In 1896 she was graduated from the normal arts course at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. In 1900 she married Victor Shinn, an art instructor in Brooklyn where they were living in 1908; later they moved to Ashley Falls, Massachusetts. She died in 1946.

Reference: Antioch College Alumni Directory, 1921
Antiochiana, Olive Kettering Library, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio

CHARLES WILLIAM⁶ COAN (Asa W.⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born October 23, 1874, the son of Asa W. and Mary (Morton) Coan. He was educated at Antioch College and married Susan _____. They had no children. He was a teacher and in 1921 was living in Brooklyn, New York. August 2, 1924, he died in Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, and was buried in Yellow Springs, Ohio.



*John Victor Coan and Arlene Pennell
Coan*



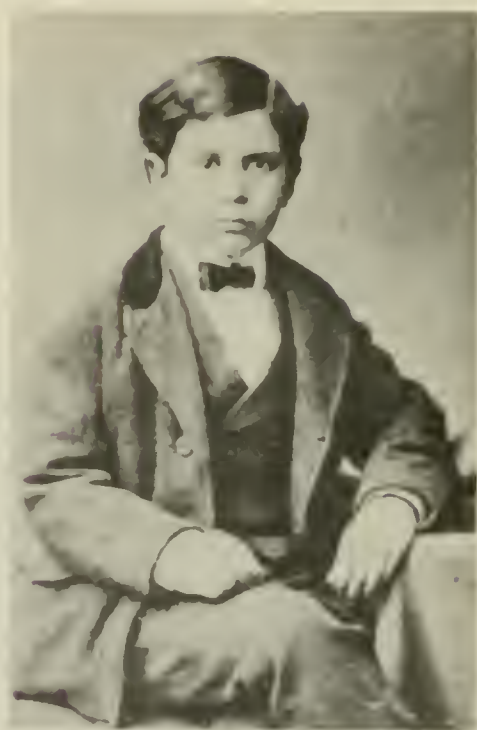
Barbara Leslie Coan, Charles Frederick Coan, Marc Wayne Coan



Mary Alice Coan



Isaac Tichenor Smith



*Arthur Morton Smith, about 10
years old*

The following material on Mary Alice⁵ Coan and her many descendants was written for this genealogy by her grandson, Theodore Hunter Smith. He also contributed all the pictures for this section.

MARY ALICE⁵ COAN (Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born September 2, 1835, in Rome (now Stout), Green Township, Adams County, Ohio, the daughter of Asa and Mary Alice (Jones) Coan. She died July 3, 1918, in Marshalltown, Iowa. Mary married:

- (1) John H. Jarvis, May 5, 1852, in Adams County, Ohio;
- (2) Isaac Tichenor Smith, June 2, 1864, in Marshalltown, Iowa; divorced in 1868;
- (3) Moses S. Curtis, September 20, 1868, in Marshall County, Iowa.

- (1) John H. Jarvis was born in Lewis County, Kentucky, September 16, 1823. He went to California in the Gold Rush and was listed there in the census of 1850. Near him was a man named Henry Sturdevant, with whom he became a close friend. They agreed that each would name a son for the other. Although John is said to have met with success in his search for gold, he lost all in a hotel fire in San Francisco as he was ready to return home. He went back to the claim before he returned to Ohio, but he was not so successful as before.

After he and Mary were married, they lived for a time in Buena Vista, Ohio (about seven miles east of Rome), then in Manchester, Ohio, about twelve miles west of Rome. About 1856 they moved to Jefferson Township (later called Timber Creek Township), Marshall County, Iowa. On October 2, 1861, John enlisted in Company H, 13th Iowa Volunteer Infantry in which he became a corporal. After he entered the army, John rented the farm and moved his family into Marshalltown. He was missing in action, presumed killed, in the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, April 6, 1862. After John's death, Mary took up nursing to support her children. One of her patients was Isaac T. Smith.

- (2) Isaac Tichenor Smith, a widower from Wisconsin, was born May 17, 1817, in Ellery, Chautauqua County, New York, the son of Farrinton and Lucy (Smiley) McNitt Smith. Isaac, his father, three brothers, a half-brother, and a half-sister and half a dozen first cousins settled in the Territory of Wisconsin between 1834 and 1845. By his first wife, Nancy De Jean, who died in 1859, Isaac had nine children, seven of which were living when he and Mary Jarvis were married. Isaac had sold his farm in Rock County, Wisconsin, in October 1862, and the next summer moved with four of his children to Marshalltown, Iowa. While he was living there,

he took sick; and he was nursed by Mary Jarvis. They were married in Marshalltown June 2, 1864.

Soon after their marriage they moved to Boonsborough, Iowa, where Isaac went into the coal mining business, selling coal to nearby railroads. Isaac was not a good business man, and he did not have written contracts with the railroads, so when the latter secured their own coal mines, he lost his business. At that time four of Mary's Jarvis children (Emma had died) were living in Boonsborough with Isaac, Mary, and their son, Arthur Morton Smith. Mary took her five children to her farm outside of Marshalltown and Isaac went back to Janesville, Wisconsin, working as a carpenter.

In 1868 Mary secured a divorce, and on September 20, 1868, she married Moses S. Curtis. By June, 1870, Isaac was back in Iowa, living in Fort Dodge with three of his children by his first wife and with Arthur Morton, his son by Mary. He was a dealer in agricultural machinery. In July, 1870, he had a fire in his store that completely wiped him out and left him deeply in debt. For a period he became interested in Iowa lead mines, but he decided that he would do better in the Far West.

In May, 1873, he left Iowa with a group of covered wagons, taking with him his oldest daughter, Flora and his youngest son, Arthur. They crossed the Great Plains, following the line of the Union Pacific Railroad through Nebraska and Northeast Colorado to Greeley where they left the wagon train and went to Fort Collins, Colorado. (Their adventures there will be described under Arthur M. Smith). In January, 1875, Isaac went to Saugauche and the Sangre de Cristo mountains and later to Hinsdale and Gunnison Counties, all in Colorado, prospecting for gold, silver, lead and iron. In 1888 Isaac returned to Iowa and lived for a time with his daughter, Ida S. Farrell, then moved back to Wisconsin. He spent his last years with his son Scott Smith and family in Rock County, where he died January 12, 1898.

- (3) Moses S. Curtis, born in New York state about 1817, was a widower with at least four children when he and Mary were married. In 1870 they lived in Timber Creek Township, Marshall County, Iowa; in 1875 they lived in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. Moses Curtis died August 10, 1904, in Lemoore, California. By June, 1907, Mary was living in Marshalltown, Iowa, with her daughter, Emma Curtis.

Children (6)

- (1) JARVIS



Theodore Hunter Smith



Nancy Jane Dempcy



Arthur Morton Smith, ca 1936



William Coan. Courtesy The Calyx, 1937, Washington and Lee University



(center left) Theodore Hunter Smith; (center right) Catherine Wilkins Haugh Smith; (bottom) Barbara J. Coan left, and Esther Grace Coan at grave of George Coan and his wife, Amelia Swanton Coan, cemetery, Vienna, Elgin County, Ontario. Bottom photo Courtesy Mrs. Berlyn H. Wiles.

- i. Elizabeth, b. May 16, 1853, Buena Vista, Ohio; m. Apr. 14, 1872, Aaron Fettes, in Marshall County, Iowa; six children
- ii. Emma, b. Apr. 25, 1855, Manchester, Ohio; d. before 1865
- iii. Henry Sturdevant, b. Mar. 2, 1857
- iv. Sabra Margaret, b. June 16, 1859, Marshall County, Iowa; d. before 1870
- v. John Charles, b. Nov. 16, 1861

(2) SMITH

- vi. Arthur Morton, b. Dec. 25, 1864

(3) CURTIS

- vii. Emma, b. Jan. 28, 1870
- viii. George, b. ca. 1875

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HENRY STURDEVANT JARVIS⁶, son of Mary A. (Coan) and John H. Jarvis, was born March 2, 1857, in Jefferson Township, Marshall County, Iowa. After his mother married Isaac Smith, her four Jarvis children (Emma was dead) lived with Isaac and her, and two of Isaac's daughters for a time. After the divorce and Mary's marriage to Moses Curtis, the children lived with the Curtis family for a year and a half, but by June 1870, only the Curtis children (including Emma Curtis, b. Jan. 28, 1870) lived with Moses and Mary. Henry lived nearby with Benjamin and Mary Crabtree; Lizzie lived with James and Amanda Crabtree. John Charles probably lived with one of his uncles, and Sabra was dead. Henry was always very fond of the Crabtree families and had no use for any of the Curtis family except his mother and his half-sister, Emma Curtis. Some time after his grandmother, Mary (Jones) Coan, widow of Asa⁴ Coan, married William Cox, Henry went to live with them in Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio, where he went to high school. He also lived for a while with his uncle, John A.⁵ Coan, near Vanceburg, Kentucky.

By July, 1880, Henry was back in Timber Creek Township, Marshall County, Iowa, running his mother's farm. On November 2, 1882, he was married to Kattie Allgiers, daughter of John and Mary Allgiers of La Moille, Iowa. In 1884 Henry and his wife moved to Northern Nebraska and Henry took out a homestead claim near Brocksburg, Keya Paha County. He soon bought a store and post office in Brocksburg. Later he moved to Springview, where he was county clerk of Keya Paha County in 1888 and 1889. His marriage to Kattie Allgiers ended in divorce because she could not stand the loneliness and the primitive conditions of the life on the homestead and in Brocksburg. On July 2, 1891, Henry was married to Mary L. Wood, the daughter of Frank B. and Elizabeth S. (Allen) Wood. She was born November 21, 1867, in Hamburg,

New York, and moved with her parents and three brothers to Nebraska in 1882, where the parents took a homestead and a timber claim, each good for one hundred sixty acres. On the homestead they built a very good sod house, which they lived in for many years. Mary was married in the "soddie."

Henry and Mary moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1891, where Henry worked for a wholesale fruit company for three years; then they returned to Springview, Nebraska, where Henry ran a store. In 1902 they moved to Ainsworth, Brown County, Nebraska, where Henry again had a store, and was elected county clerk in 1905. In 1909 they moved to Herrick, South Dakota, where Henry again had a store, which he kept until 1923. In August of that year he, Mary, and their son King Coan Jarvis (the only child at home at that time) moved to Los Angeles where Henry bought a store, which he kept until 1926. In the meantime King, who was a veterinary doctor, had started to work for the California Department of Agriculture. In 1927 Henry bought a store and post office in El Dorado, California, which he ran until October, 1929, when he sold it and moved back to the Los Angeles area. He died late in December, 1929. Mary lived in Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, until she died in April, 1963.

Children (7) JARVIS

- i. Echo Elizabeth, b. June 18, 1892
- ii. John Francis, b. July 23, 1894
- iii. King Coan, b. Dec. 8, 1898
- iv. Mary Constance, b. Oct. 23, 1900
- v. Dorothy, b. Aug. 17, 1903
- vi. Theodore, d. summer of 1906, aged about three months

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ECHO ELIZABETH JARVIS, daughter of Henry S. and Mary (Wood) Jarvis, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 18, 1892; she died in Los Angeles, California, May 10, 1966. She married in 1915, Arthur J. Misner, who died in July, 1970. Echo taught school in Pasadena, California, for several years. Her husband taught in a Los Angeles high school and then in a community college.

Children (8) MISNER

- i. Margaret, b. Nov. 29, 1919
- ii. Arthur Jack, b. July 14, 1922

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MARGARET MISNER, daughter of Arthur J. and Echo Elizabeth (Jarvis) Misner, was born November 29, 1919, in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from the University of California in Berkeley with a B.A. degree in 1941, and an M.A. degree in 1943. She was married to Walter M. Bangert in 1948.

They both taught in the public high schools but were retired, lived (1982) in Del Mar, California, and Margaret sold real estate in La Jolla, California.

Children (9) BANGERT

- i. Christine, b. Apr. 6, 1948
- ii. Peggy, b. Dec. 29, 1954

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CHRISTINE BANGERT⁹, daughter of Walter and Margaret (Misner) Bangert, was born April 6, 1948. She married Donald Harris and had one son seven years old in 1982.

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ARTHUR JACK MISNER⁸, son of Arthur J. and Echo E. (Jarvis) Misner, was born in Los Angeles, California, July 14, 1921. He received an A.B. degree in 1942, an M.A. degree in 1948, and a Ph.D. degree in 1954, all from the University of California at Berkeley. After receiving the last degree, he taught in the Political Science Department at California State University, Los Angeles. He married Fern Wilson in Berkeley, California, in 1951, and in 1982 they lived in Alhambra, California. They had no children.

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JOHN FRANCIS JARVIS⁷, son of Henry S. and Mary (Wood) Jarvis), was born in Enterprise, Nebraska, on July 23, 1894. While attending high school, he lived with his grandmother and his Aunt Emma Curtis in Marshalltown, Iowa. Later he attended Iowa State University, at Ames, Iowa, where he received a B.S. degree and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1918. After one year in the army and several jobs, he went to Oregon State University where he received an M.S. degree in 1928. He spent twenty-eight years as Dairy Inspector for the California State Department of Agriculture, retiring in 1956, and in 1982 lived in Laguna Hills, California. He married (1) in 1920 Cecil Brogden of Hillsboro, Oregon, (b. 1888; d. 1945), daughter of William and Mettam Brogden; in September, 1947, he married (2) Barbara Hepperle (b. 1893, Odessa, Russia), divorced.

Children (8) JARVIS

- i. Jack Brogden, b. Dec. 6, 1931

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JACK BROGDEN JARVIS⁸, son of John Francis and Cecil (Brogden) Jarvis, was born December 6, 1931, in Stockton, California. He married (1) in 1955, Miss Primrose; one daughter, Kelly (adopted) b. 1959; (2) in 1964 Constance Canfield.

KING COAN JARVIS⁷, son of Henry S. and Mary (Wood) Jarvis, was born December 8, 1898, in Springview, Nebraska. He was graduated from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, in 1922, with the degree of D.V.M. He lived for many years in Red Bluff, California, and he worked from 1924 until his retirement in 1962 for the California State Department of Agriculture. On June 2, 1928, he was married to Diana Belle Weibling, daughter of Charles J. and Margaret (Lamberson) Weibling, who was born November 11, 1901, at Robinson, Kansas. Diana was listed in Who's Who of American Women, Second Edition, 1961-1962; also in 1962, volume one, Dictionary of International Biography, London, England.

Children (8) JARVIS

i. Charles Henry, b. July 1, 1930

CHARLES HENRY JARVIS⁸, son of King Coan and Diana Belle (Weibling) Jarvis, was born in Alturas, California, July 1, 1930. He graduated from Stanford University in 1952, and received a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1958. He served as midshipman in the U. S. Navy in the Korean war. Charles was married August 26, 1956, to Virginia Eleane Stewart, daughter of Harry Otto and Alyse (Dow) Stewart. He was (1982) a lawyer in Santa Barbara, California.

Children (9) JARVIS

i. Cynthia Coan, b. Nov. 7, 1957

ii. Dow Stewart Weibling, b. July 27, 1959

CYNTHIA COAN JARVIS⁹, daughter of Charles Henry and Virginia E. (Stewart) Jarvis, was born November 7, 1957, at Berkeley, California. She graduated from Stanford University in 1982, and in 1982 was in graduate school there. On March 21, 1981 she married Gregory Clark Vitt, son of Dr. and Mrs. Vitt, of Santa Barbara, California

DOW STEWART WEIBLING JARVIS⁹, son of Charles Henry and Virginia (Stewart) Jarvis, was born July 27, 1959. He attended Lewis and Clark University for one year and was in 1982 a senior at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

MARY CONSTANCE JARVIS⁷, daughter of Henry S. and Mary (Wood) Jarvis, was born in Springview, Nebraska, October 23, 1900, and died May 1940, in San Francisco, California. She was a teacher in the California public schools for many years, first in Brea, later in Eagle Rock. She received an M.A.

degree from the University of California at Berkeley. She married Arthur Van Tuyle in 1928, after which they lived in Brea, California; no children.

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DOROTHY JARVIS, daughter of Henry S. and Mary (Wood) Jarvis, was born August 17, 1903, in Ainsworth, Nebraska. Later she lived with her parents in Herrick, South Dakota. In 1922 she moved to Los Angeles, where she attended the University of California at Los Angeles, graduating with a B.A. degree in 1926. She taught in the southern California schools, then did teacher training work at the University of Southern California for many years, retiring in 1963. Her mother, Mary (Wood) Jarvis, lived with her in Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, California, for eighteen years, dying in April, 1963, at the age of ninety-five. Dorothy married (1) George E. Melrose in June, 1934. Her husband served in the army during World War II. They grew apart and were divorced in 1948. Dorothy married (2) on August 16, 1981, Benjamin F. Burr. She and Ben were sweethearts in high school in South Dakota, but did not get married then because she went West to college. By the time she graduated, Ben was married. His wife having died of cancer, Ben was a widower, and he and Dorothy decided to marry. They lived (1982) in a retirement community in Laguna Hills, California near her brother, John Francis Jarvis.

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JOHN CHARLES JARVIS, son of John H. and Mary Alice (Coan) Jarvis, was born November 15, 1861, in Marshall County, Iowa. About five months after he was born, his father was killed in the Battle of Shiloh; and his mother was left a widow with five children. They stayed with her during her short marriage to Isaac Smith; but soon after she married Moses Curtis, the Jarvis children were sent to stay with friends or relatives. John Charles (hereinafter called Charles or Charles J., because he called himself that in his adult life) was said to have gone to live with his uncle, Asa W.⁵ Coan, but he was not listed with that family in the 1870 census, possibly because the census was taken before he had arrived. He was possibly the Charles listed (no surname given) as a nephew with the family of John and Sabra⁵ (Coan) Cox in Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio, in the 1880 census, although it stated that he, his father and his mother were all born in Ohio, whereas he was born in Iowa, and his father was born in Kentucky. At any rate, during his adult life he lived in Marshalltown, Iowa, where he had a grocery store. His mother and his Aunt Emma Curtis lived near him in their later years. He died in 1924.

On October 8, 1884, Charles married Emma Margaret Landahl, who died in 1932.

Children (7) JARVIS

- i. Frank, b. Sept. 26, 1885; d. Nov. 13, 1892
- ii. Helen, b. Aug. 15, 1893
- iii. Charles Raymond, b. May 29, 1897, a twin
- iv. Florence R., b. May 29, 1897, a twin

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HELEN JARVIS, daughter of Charles J. and Emma (Landahl) Jarvis, was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, August 15, 1893. She died in Des Moines, Iowa, where she had taught school for many years, on November 6, 1979. She was married to H. Norman Barnes and had two children, both of whom married and had children.

Children (8) BARNES

- i. Marjorie
- ii. Carol

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CHARLES RAYMOND JARVIS, son of Charles J. and Emma (Landahl) Jarvis, was born May 29, 1897, in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was a chiropractor and practiced for many years in Pasadena, California, where he died October 19, 1974. He was married to Helen Andrews, who in 1982 lived in a retirement home near Pasadena. They had no children.

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FLORENCE R. JARVIS, daughter of Charles J. and Emma (Landahl) Jarvis, was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, on May 29, 1897. After receiving an A.B. degree, she attended Columbia University, where she received a Ph.D. degree in education. In 1982 she lived in Des Moines, Iowa, where she had taught school for many years.

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ARTHUR MORTON SMITH, son of Isaac T. and Mary A. (Coan) Jarvis Smith, was born December 25, 1864, in Boonsborough, Iowa. After his parents separated, he lived with his mother and the Jarvis children in Timber Creek Township, Marshall County, Iowa, until after his mother married Moses Curtis. In the spring of 1870 he was taken to Fort Dodge, Iowa, to live with his father, two half-sisters, and a half-brother. In May of 1873, he left Fort Dodge with his father and his half-sister, Flora Smith, and joined a small caravan of wagons bound for Colorado Territory. They crossed the Missouri River by ferry at Council Bluffs, Iowa, then headed north and west to the Platte River, which they followed west to North Platte, Nebraska. They then followed the South Platte River southwest, then west, to the Cache la Poudre River. At Greeley, Colorado, they left the party and headed north to Fort Collins, Colorado.

Near Kearney, Nebraska, where they had camped at noon because of the presence nearby of about one thousand Pawnee Indians who were off their reservation on a hunt, Arthur was resting in a tent when two Indian braves lifted up the side and back and entered, picking up things they fancied. Arthur sped out to the main camp and gave the alarm and the men of the party came over to the tent with their guns ready while one unarmed man went forward and took the stolen things away from the braves, who offered no resistance.

Another interesting experience took place one evening while they were traveling along the South Platte River. They looked across the river and the hills had turned black and seemed to be moving! What they saw was a tremendous herd of buffalo moving on to new pastures. Arthur afterwards saw many herds of buffalo, but never again one of that size.

Isaac worked for a time as a carpenter in Fort Collins, then went trapping along the Cache la Poudre River while Arthur stayed with Flora on a ranch along the Big Thompson River. In the winter Isaac took Arthur up the Cache la Poudre River and across the Medicine Bow Range and the Continental Divide into North Park, a natural park in north central Colorado. Isaac hunted, trapped, and prospected. In the spring, Arthur went to live at another ranch along the Big Thompson River, and spent several weeks in a cabin up Red Stone Creek, near Horsetooth Mountain, helping with cutting poles and hauling them down the mountain with a yoke of oxen. Near the cabin was an abandoned lumber camp which was used by "road agents" (highway men) in between depredations. The men did not bother their neighbors as long as nobody informed on them, but they were a source of worry.

About a week before Christmas, 1874, Arthur was sent back to Wisconsin so he could go to school. He lived with his half-brother, Scott Smith, near Janesville, until the summer of 1878, when he ran away. He worked at various farms in the area until 1882, when he went to Fort Dodge, Iowa, to live with his half-sister, Ida (Smith) Farrell, and her family. There he graduated from high school in 1885. That summer Arthur went to Chicago, where he had several jobs. In 1887 he moved to Duluth, Minnesota, where he worked for the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad. He started as a stenographer, then was chief clerk, passenger train conductor, and assistant superintendent. He later worked for a number of other railroads, including the Pere Marquette, the Southern, and the Coal and Coke, ending his active career in 1934 as superintendent of the Hagerstown (Maryland) Division of the Western Maryland Railway.

Arthur married (1) December 27, 1899, in Cleveland, Ohio, Nancy Jane Dempcy, daughter of Marshall L. and Sarah E. (Hunter) Dempcy, who was born September 1, 1867, in Cleveland, Ohio. Nancy died September 19, 1906, in Cleveland. Arthur married (2) January 21, 1909, in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Emma Jane Roach, daughter of John J. and Margaret (Watson) Roach of Rock Hill. Emma was a wonderful

mother to Nancy's children and was very much beloved by them. The Smith family lived in Elkins, West Virginia, from 1909 to 1919 and in Hagerstown, Maryland, from 1919 to 1943. Arthur died January 19, 1943, in Hagerstown; Emma died June 22, 1943, at Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Children (7) SMITH

- i. Eleanor Dempcy, b. June 2, 1901
- ii. Arthur Morton, Jr., b. Dec. 30, 1902
- iii. Theodore Hunter, b. Sept. 5, 1904
- iv. Ralph Dempcy, b. Oct. 11, 1905

ELEANOR DEMPCY SMITH⁷, daughter of Arthur M. and Nancy J. (Dempcy) Smith, was born June 2, 1901, in Chicago, Illinois. She spent most of her childhood in Elkins, West Virginia, where she graduated from high school in 1918. She lived with her Grandmother Dempcy in Cleveland, Ohio, while attending Western Reserve University, where she received an A.B. degree in 1922. In 1923/24 she attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison, getting an M.A. degree in history. She taught history at Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus, and at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. She was later assistant editor of American Historical Review. On June 8, 1940, she was married to Thomas Walker Moore, in Hagerstown, Maryland. He was the son of Milton O. and Lorena (Ellwood) Moore of Washington County, Pennsylvania. The Moores lived in Annapolis, Maryland, where Tom taught mathematics at the U. S. Naval Academy until his death December 17, 1959. Eleanor still (1982) lived in Annapolis.

Children (8) MOORE

- i. Nancy Jane, b. Mar. 15, 1941
- ii. Roberta Agnes, b. Nov. 20, 1943

NANCY JANE MOORE⁸, daughter of Thomas W. and Eleanor D. (Smith) Moore, was born March 15, 1941, in Baltimore, Maryland. After graduating from high school in Annapolis, she attended Smith College, where she received her A.B. degree in 1963. She then went to Yale University, where she received the degree of Ph.D. in English Literature in 1966. On June 20, 1967, she married David Frederick Goslee, the son of Harvey and Cecilia Goslee.

In 1982 both of the Goslees taught English at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Children (9) GOSLEE

- i. Susan Margaret, b. Aug. 7, 1971

ROBERTA AGNES MOORE⁸, daughter of Thomas W. and Eleanor D. (Smith) Moore, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, November 20, 1943. After graduating from high school there, she attended Smith College, where she received her A.B. degree in 1965. She then went to Yale University, where she received her M.A. degree in 1967. On June 4, 1966, she married Jan Andrew MacGregor, who was born August 13, 1940, son of Admiral and Mrs. Edgar John MacGregor III (sic). Jan graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1962, and has served in the U. S. Navy ever since. He recently served as commander of a nuclear submarine and was in 1982 assigned to the Pentagon, with the rank of Commander.

Children (9) MACGREGOR

- i. Hilary Elizabeth, b. Nov. 15, 1966
- ii. Ian Thomas, b. Dec. 31, 1968
- iii. Catherine Hunter, b. Mar. 28, 1974, Naples, Italy

ARTHUR MORTON SMITH, JR.⁷, the son of Arthur Morton and Nancy J. (Dempcy) Smith, was born December 30, 1902, in Chicago, Illinois. After growing up in Elkins, West Virginia, where he graduated from high school at the age of fifteen and a half, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and for three years lived with his Grandmother Dempcy while attending Western Reserve University. (After three years he moved to his fraternity house and his brother, Theodore, took his place with his grandmother.) Arthur received his A.B. degree in 1922 and his M.D. degree in 1926. He stayed in Cleveland as intern and resident in several hospitals, specializing in surgery, until 1932. He then moved to Charlottesville, Virginia where he practiced surgery until 1975. During World War II, Arthur went on active duty as a major in the U. S. Army Medical Corps. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel on February 16, 1945, and was discharged September 24, 1946. He served in England from July 14, 1944 until July 19, 1945.

On June 22, 1940, he was married to Elizabeth Wood Borst, the daughter of Victor and Hazel (Wood) Borst, who was born July 6, 1914, in Brooklyn, New York. She graduated from Smith College in 1935 with an A.B. degree. In 1982 they lived in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Children (8) SMITH

- i. Elizabeth Wood, b. Mar. 3, 1945
- ii. Catherine Hunter, b. Dec. 4, 1949

ELIZABETH WOOD SMITH⁸, daughter of Arthur M., Jr. and Elizabeth (Borst) Smith, was born in New York City, March 3, 1945. Her father was serving in the U. S. Army in England at the time. She attended Smith College, where she received

an A.B. degree in 1967, and in 1969 she received a degree of M.A. in teaching from Harvard University. After graduation she taught school. On April 18, 1970, she married John Harold Sinnegen; they both taught school for some years, then in 1981 Elizabeth enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1982 they were separated. They had no children.

CATHERINE HUNTER SMITH⁸, daughter of Arthur M., Jr., and Elizabeth (Borst) Smith, was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, December 4, 1949. She attended Smith College, where she received an A.B. degree in 1971. She later earned an M.A. degree at the University of Virginia and an M.F.A. degree at the University of Texas. She was interested in dramatics and in 1982 was a member of the Drama Department at Smith College. She was unmarried.

THEODORE HUNTER SMITH⁷, son of Arthur Morton and Nancy J. (Dempcy) Smith, was born September 5, 1904, in Detroit, Michigan. From March, 1909, to July, 1919, he and his family lived in Elkins, West Virginia; they then moved to Hagerstown, Maryland, where he graduated from high school in 1921. He went to Cleveland, Ohio, and lived with his Grandmother Dempcy from 1921 to 1927, attending Western Reserve University, where he received an A.B. degree and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1925. He then attended Case Institute of Technology, where he was granted a B.S. in mechanical engineering and was elected to Sigma Xi in 1927. He then went to Yale University where he received an M.S. in mechanical engineering in 1928. From 1928 through 1950 he was an engineer with Consolidated Edison Company of New York (and predecessor companies) specializing in efficiency testing and design of steam power plants. In 1951 he moved to California and went with Bechtel Corporation as a project engineer in their Power and Industrial Division in San Francisco. His work was supervising the design of power plants for public utilities and private companies. He also supervised the design of non-nuclear elements of three large nuclear power stations, one of which was in India. On June 23, 1933, he was married to Catherine Wilkins Haugh, the daughter of George and Jennie (McBee) Haugh. Catherine was born in Atlanta, Georgia; received an A.B. degree from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, in 1922; an M.A. degree in history from the University of Chicago in 1927; and studied for and passed her oral examinations for a Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago, but never finished her dissertation. She taught history at Mississippi State College for Women at Columbus, and at Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri. Theodore was very much interested in genealogy, especially in that of the Coan family. He retired in September, 1970, and in October, 1973, he and Catherine moved to Winter Park, Florida, where they lived in 1982. They had no children.

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RALPH DEMPCY SMITH⁷, son of Arthur M. and Nancy J. (Dempcy) Smith, was born October 11, 1905, in Princeton, Indiana. He grew up in Elkins, West Virginia, and Hagerstown, Maryland, where he graduated from high school in 1922. He attended the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and graduated in the class of 1926. After service in destroyers, battleships, and aircraft carriers he decided to go into naval aviation. He was with his group at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, practicing dive bombing, when his engine failed and he was fatally injured when his plane struck the water. He died May 21, 1941. On July 1, 1929, he was married to Marie Strudwick of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of Arthur and Suzanne (Egge) Strudwick. Several years after Ralph's death Marie married Russell W. Lynch. She died August 1, 1981.

Children (8) SMITH

- i. Ralph Dempcy, Jr., b. July 20, 1932
- ii. Suzanne Eleanor, b. Nov. 16, 1934

RALPH DEMPCY SMITH, JR.⁸, son of Ralph D. and Marie (Strudwick) Smith, was born in California July 20, 1932. He lived many places while he was a child but at the age of fourteen he lived in Encino, California. He attended the University of Arizona but did not graduate; he later graduated with a B.S. degree from California State University at Northridge. His adult life included insurance adjusting and in 1982 work with stained glass. On June 19, 1954, Ralph was married to Patricia Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spencer. They were later divorced.

Children (9) SMITH

- i. Douglas Dempcy, b. Nov. 7, 1954
- ii. Timothy Kirk, b. Aug. 16, 1956; d. Sept. 10, 1956
- iii. Kristin Marie, b. Aug. 11, 1957
- iv. Kathryn Lianne, b. Jan. 19, 1960
- v. Karla Elizabeth, b. Jan. 30, 1961

SUZANNE ELEANOR SMITH⁸, daughter of Ralph D. and Marie (Strudwick) Smith, was born November 16, 1934, in Annapolis, Maryland. She spent most of her childhood and all of her adult life in California. In 1982 she lived in Ventura, California, where she was very successful as a real estate agent and investor. Suzanne was married (1) on August 29, 1953, to Frank Richard Wicall, divorced; (2) Roland Bartley, divorced; (3) Larry Eismin, divorced.

Children (9) WICALL

- i. David Arthur, b. June 3, 1954
- ii. Janice Marie, b. July 6, 1956

EMMA CURTIS⁶, daughter of Moses S. and Mary A. (Coan) Jarvis Smith Curtis, was born in Timber Creek Township, Marshall County, Iowa, on January 28, 1870. Little is known of her early life, but she became a beloved school teacher in Marshalltown, Iowa, in her adulthood. She taught in, and for years was principal of, the Glick School in Marshalltown. Her mother lived with her until Emma died July 1, 1916, after an operation. Emma never married.

GEORGE CURTIS⁶, son of Moses S. and Mary A. (Coan) Jarvis Smith Curtis, was born ca. 1875, in Marshall County, Iowa. He died ca. 1955 in Seneca Falls, New York, where he had lived for many years; he was a metal worker. He married Kate _____.

Children (7) CURTIS

- i. Maurine
- ii. Molly, who was a registered nurse

SABRA A.⁵ COAN (Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Ohio February 25, 1838, the daughter of Asa and Mary Alice (Jones) Coan. The date of her death is not known, but she was living in Dayton, Ohio, in June, 1908. She married John Cox of Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio, on December 23, 1872. John was the son of William Cox of the same place and the stepson of her mother, Mary A. (Jones) Coan Cox. John and Sabra had no children of their own, but they had an adopted daughter. They also raised two nephews, the younger of which (and perhaps the elder, also) was a son of Charles⁵ Coan (Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹). William⁶ Coan, born 1871 (in Louisiana per 1880 census) is known to have been the son of Charles⁵; Charles (no surname stated), born 1861 in Ohio, could possibly have been his son, but it is more likely that he was John Charles Jarvis, son of J. H. Jarvis and Mary A.⁵ (Coan) (Jarvis) (Smith) Curtis, who was born November 15, 1861, five months before his father was killed in the battle of Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee.

It is interesting to note that in June, 1870, Asa W.⁵ Coan was the minister in the Knob Prairie Christian Church in Enon, Clark County, Ohio, and his mother Mary (Jones) Coan and sister Sabra Coan lived with his family. Enon was close to Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio, and William Cox and his son John worshiped at that church. William Cox died in 1876 and left a bequest of property in Enon to be used as a parsonage for the Knob Prairie Church. It was through living in Enon that the Coxes and Coans met, and the two marriages took place.

Reference: Theodore H. Smith

CHARLES⁵ COAN (Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born May 30, 1840. He died October 23, 18__ (year not known but it was before 1875.) His wife's name and date of marriage are not known; but he left a son, William⁶ Coan, and probably other children. His grandniece, Mildred Eleanor⁷ (Coan) Wentworth (John L.⁶, Asa W.⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) wrote that Charles died young and "left more children than his wife could take care of, so Aunt Sabra took Willie." The Coxes lived in Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio.

Children (6) COAN

- i. William, b. Nov. 3, 1871
- ii. Possibly Charles, b. ca. 1861, in Ohio

Reference: Theodore H. Smith

WILLIAM⁶ COAN (Charles⁵, Asa⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born November 3, 1871, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was brought up by his aunt, Sabra A. (Coan) Cox, and her husband, John Cox, who was the son of William Cox and the stepson of Mary A. (Jones) Coan Cox, Sabra's mother. The Coxes also had another nephew, Charles, living with them in 1880, who may have been William's brother. Charles was born ca. 1861, in Ohio. It is possible that this was John Charles Jarvis, son of Mary A.⁵ (Coan) Jarvis Smith Curtis. It is known that this brother, Henry S. Jarvis, lived with the Cox family in the 1870s and John Charles, born November 15, 1862, may have lived with them also.

William spent the greater part of his life in the Middle West and the West. He was graduated from Palmer College, La Grand, Iowa, with an A.B. degree. Later he was granted an M.A. degree from Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington. From Columbia University he received an M.A. degree in accounting. He taught for a time at Palmer College and at Whitman College.

Laura Detamore of Ohio was his wife. He served as an instructor in Lincoln, Nebraska, High School and in Montclair, New Jersey, High School. In 1921 he went to Washington and Lee University as an assistant professor in economics and commerce and became a full professor in accounting and economics in 1925. In November of 1938 he met his last classes.

William was a member of the American Economics Association, American Association of University Professors, American Accounting and American Statistical Associations, Alpha Kappa Psi, and Beta Tau Zeta.

On April 1, 1939, in Lexington, Virginia, William died. He was buried in Dayton, Ohio. He and Laura had no children.

Reference: "Obituaries," Rockbridge, (Virginia) News, April 6, 1939.

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COLLINS⁴ COAN AND DESCENDANTS

The following material on Collins⁴ Coan and his descendants was sent to Virginia Coan Wiles for inclusion in her Coan Family of America, Vol. II, by Barbara J. (Coan) Fischer, Detroit, Michigan.

COLLINS⁴ COAN (William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in 1806 (according to his tombstone), probably in Locke, Cayuga County, New York, the son of William and Roxana (Chadwick) Coan. He married Sara _____, who was born about 1806. Sara died in 1866; Collins, in 1887. They were both buried in the cemetery in Vienna, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada.

Children (5) COAN

- i. William, b. ca. 1827
- ii. Benjamin Johnson, b. Nov. 6, 1833
- iii. Charles, b. ca. 1838; d. Nov. 22, 1899; m. Mary Weston in 1872
- iv. George, b. Feb. 1, 1840
- v. Mary (also known as Margaret), b. ca. 1842 (according to 1851 Toronto, Canada, Census

NOTE: In the Canadian Census of 1851, Collins⁴ Coan is listed as Collins C. Coan. In 1871 he was listed as C. C. Cowan, but the other names make it certain that it should have been Coan. One of the names listed was his granddaughter Claudia, daughter of George. Since the man for whom the various Collins Coans were named was Claudius Lysias Collins, brother of Luranda (Collins) Coan, wife of Jacob² (Peter¹) Coan, it seems likely that William³ named his son Claudius Collins, the same as William's brother, Elisha³ Coan did. As noted elsewhere, it is possible that Collins⁴ Coan's brother, Jacob⁴ Coan, named a son Claudius Lysias Collins Coan but the initials were incorrectly copied as Y. L. C. (Theodore H. Smith)

BENJAMIN JOHNSON⁵ COAN (Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Elgin County, Ontario, Canada, November 6, 1833, the son of Collins and Sara Coan. On September 23, 1856, he married Lavina Ann Longstaff. Benjamin died in Canada August 18, 1917.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Mary M., b. Feb. 8, 1858; d. Feb. 23, 1873
- ii. Hannah Adelle, b. Jan. 28, 1861; m. Thomas Pierce
May 9, 1884; d. Dec. 11, 1923
- iii. Joseph C., b. July 16, 1865
- iv. William Mosher, b. Apr. 28, 1870
- v. Olivet, b. Apr. 25, 1872; m. William E. Arnold,
Jan. 15, 1898

JOSEPH C.⁶ COAN (Benjamin J.⁵, Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 16, 1865, the son of Benjamin Johnson and Lavina Ann (Longstaff) Coan. He settled in Kingston, Michigan. On May 7, 1887, he married Katherine Milligan. He died February 24, 1937.

Children (7) COAN

- i. James
- ii. Jennie
- iii. Hazel

JAMES⁷ COAN (Joseph C.⁶, Benjamin J.⁵, Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Kingston, Michigan, the son of Joseph C. and Katherine (Milligan) Coan. He married Elva Stickle.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Bonnie
- ii. Lois

WILLIAM MOSHER⁶ COAN (Benjamin J.⁵, Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born April 28, 1870, the son of Benjamin Johnson and Lavina Ann (Longstaff) Coan. In September, 1905, he married Della Middleton. William and Della lived in Kingston and in Flint, Michigan. He died December 2, 1942.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Kenneth, b. Apr. 8, 1907

KENNETH⁷ COAN (William M.⁶, Benjamin J.⁵, Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Kingston, Michigan, April 8, 1907, the son of William Mosher and Della (Middleton) Coan. He married Levine Gherke.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Donald, b. 1929
- ii. Kenneth Lee
- iii. Joyce
- iv. Doris

GEORGE⁵ COAN (Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born February 1, 1840, the son of Collins and Sara Coan. He married Amelia Swanton, who was born May, 1844. Amelia died November 17, 1888; George died December 6, 1890. They were buried in the cemetery at Vienna, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Clara, b. Nov. 16, 1866; m. Clinton Marr, b. 1862; d. Sept. 8, 1943
- ii. Claudia, b. ca. 1868; m. (1) Frank Wagoner; (2) Edward Chapman
- iii. Edward Allen, b. Jan. 8, 1870
- iv. Anna; m. Frank Tibbetts; they lived in Bristol, Conn.
- v. Grace, b. ca. 1878; m. (1) George Shultz, lived in Rutland, Vt.; (2) Joseph Russell
- vi. Ida, m. John Millard, lived in Aylmer, Ontario

EDWARD ALLEN⁶ COAN (George⁵, Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Vienna, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada, January 8, 1870, the son of George and Amelia (Swanton) Coan. He was orphaned before the age of 20 and separated from his five sisters. In 1885 he moved to Edenville, Michigan, where his first job was working for a lumber company. Later he worked there as a clerk in a store. On August 15, 1894, he married Deletha Grace Carpenter, who was born in Brown City, Michigan, November 16, 1879. They moved to Beaverton, and Edward operated a general store.

In 1896 at the age of 26 he borrowed \$7000 and went into the lumbering business. In less than one year he had paid the bank the borrowed \$7000. In 1906 he moved to Gladwin where he operated several businesses--a hardware store, a jewelry shop, and a grocery store. During World War I he was president of a bank and lost everything as he had taken over thirteen farms and considerable other real estate. He had a large family to raise and never got back on his feet financially. In 1920 he bought a 650-acre ranch, but was unable to get enough help to run it; so he moved back to Gladwin. In 1932 he was elected county treasurer and served for fourteen years. The last of his life he lived with his children. He loved his family and constantly worried for fear that they would become separated as he had been separated from his sisters.

Edward was a small, wiry man with a springy gait that didn't slow down until he was past 80. He was seldom ill, and he loved a good cigar. His dry sense of humor made him popular as a toastmaster and after-dinner speaker. He was a life member of the Masonic lodge, the Odd Fellows, and the Methodist church. Deletha died September 18, 1944; Edward, May 11, 1958. They were both buried at Gladwin.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Bernice Ray, b. Oct. 1, 1896; m. Harold W. Wager; d. Aug. 30, 1970
- ii. Edward Selwyn, b. 1900; d. 1900
- iii. Frances Edaline, b. 1903; d. 1911
- iv. Max Devere, b. 1907
- v. Barbara J., b. May 31, 1914
- vi. Robert, b. 1916
- vii. Esther Grace, b. Feb. 29, 1920
- viii. Ruth Caroline, b. 1923

MAX DEVERE⁷ COAN (Edward A.⁶, George⁵, Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in 1907, the son of Edward Allen and Deletha Grace (Carpenter) Coan. He was married and had two children. He died 1964.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Edward Arthur, b. 1923; d. 1933
- ii. James, b. 1935; m. and had two children

BARBARA J.⁷ COAN (Edward A.⁶, George⁵, Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) born May 31, 1914, the daughter of Edward Allen and Deletha Grace (Carpenter) Coan. July 29, 1939, she married Willard Earl Fischer, who was born in Hancock, New York, January 19, 1910. He died in Detroit, Michigan, March 6, 1946.

Children (8) FISCHER (Adopted)

- i. _____ b. Aug. 19, 1941; d. Dec. 23, 1954, Belding, Mich.

ROBERT⁷ COAN (Edward A.⁶, George⁵, Collins⁴, William³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in 1916, the son of Edward Allen and Deletha Grace (Carpenter) Coan. He married and had three children.

Children (8) COAN

- i. William, b. 1939
- ii. Michael, b. 1941
- iii. _____

ELISHA³ COAN (Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 4, 1760, the son of Jacob and Luranda (Collins) Coan. During the Revolution he enlisted first August 16, 1777, and served in Captain Ezra Whittelsey's Company, Lieutenant Colonel David Rossiter's Detachment of Berkshire County Militia. He was discharged August 18, 1777, after three days at Bennington. At that time he lived in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts. His second military listing was dated Lenox, August 20, 1781, and he signed up from Windsor. He was in Captain Clark's Company, Colonel Simond's Regiment. He was 21 years old; 5 feet 4 inches tall; had a red complexion and light hair; was a laborer and enlisted for 6 months. As was customary then, Elisha "hired out" to the town of Windsor, and thus was registered as serving from there.

In August, 1785, he was named deacon in the First Congregational Church of Lenox. He was 25 years old and not married.

His final military service took place January 23 to March 1, 1787, when he signed up from Lenox and was a private in Captain William Walker's Company, Colonel John Ashley's Berkshire County Regiment of foot soldiers. This duty was "in defense of law and order and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" against Daniel Shay's rebellion (Massachusetts Archives, 192: 169, 172), a war against taxes by the farmers of Massachusetts.

Almost immediately after this final military service, in June or July of that same year, Elisha married a widow, Phebe (Woodruff) Hull, daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Woodruff, who was seven years older than he and the mother of four children--Belinda, Jeremiah, Seth, and Joseph Hull. Phebe and Elisha had three children--Harriot, Cillina and Claudius, all born in West Stockbridge.

About 1798 Elisha had serious business problems and moved his family to Western New York to a tract of land about 14 miles from what is now the city of Rochester. It was located in what was then Bloomfield (later Victor), Ontario County, and was purchased by Phebe, probably with Hull money. Elisha went there first to get things ready. When Phebe arrived with the family, she was far from happy with what she found--among other things, a primitive log cabin to live in, wolves in the nearby woods, and Indians for neighbors.

In an account of Victor, New York, published many years ago Elisha Coan was said to have purchased land in Victor. "Mr. Coan built a sawmill near where the railroad crosses the creek northwest of his home. Here he did a small business in lumber..." In 1804 Elisha was among the subscribers to build a church building known as Proprietor's Church, non-denominational. In 1813 at the North Congregational Church in Bloomfield, Elisha paid \$2.64 towards building or buying pews (Church Records, p. 69). And Elisha was also listed as a pew holder (Church Records, p. 72, 73). According to the ancient Victor account previously quoted, Elisha

sold his property in Bloomfield to Samuel Talmadge and moved to Seneca County. If so, he probably went to live with his son Claudius.

Elisha died sometime between 1834 and 1838. Phebe lived to be over 90, resided for awhile with Claudius, but spent her last years with her daughter Belinda (Hull) Allen at Mendon, New York, near where she and Elisha first settled. Phebe applied for a pension for her first husband's service in the Revolution. Her application for some reason was refused. Of course, Elisha too served in the Revolution, but neither he nor Phebe ever applied for a pension.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Harriot, b. Dec. 5, 1789
- ii. Cillina, b. Nov. 12, 1791; joined North Congregational Church in Bloomfield, N. Y. in 1813 as Selena
- iii. Claudius Collins, b. Mar. 1, 1794

Reference: Vital Records of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: New England Historic and Genealogical Society, 1907), pp. 17, 18.

CLAUDIUS COLLINS⁴ COAN (Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) son of Elisha and Phebe (Woodruff) Hull Coan, was born March 1, 1794, in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was named for his maternal great-uncle Claudius Lysias Collins (1769-1852), a brother of his grandmother, Luranda (Collins) Coan. When Claudius was about four years old, the family moved to Western New York. He had a dim recollection of this move. He remembered going to say good-bye to his grandfather, Jacob Coan, and of the long journey to the West. Somewhere along the way he remembered his father coming to meet them, since he'd gone on ahead to prepare things for the family. When they arrived at the desolate log house which was to be their home, he remembered his mother's tears and that memory stayed with him for life. They had brought with them two cows and several sheep. The second night the sheep were killed by wolves. Not long afterwards the cows died. The journey had been too much for them.

Claudius attended some sort of school and was upset because he didn't have a Bible to read from the way some of the other children did. His half-brother Joseph Hull chopped wood in order to earn money to buy the Bible for Claudius.

As a boy he was apprenticed in medicine to Dr. Samuel Dungan of Canandaigua, New York, and received his schooling and board by working in the Doctor's apothecary shop. He went back home for awhile, and his brother Joseph who was fighting in the War of 1812 came home sick or wounded. At any rate, Joseph was unable to return to his Company, and Claudius took his place. He served for three months and was

stationed at Niagara Falls. At this time he was probably not more than nineteen.

He then returned to the Doctor's to continue his apprenticeship in medicine, attended Canandaigua Academy, and taught school in an effort to save money. He planned to attend lectures in Philadelphia on medicine. In 1815 he went to Philadelphia for the first time--walking most of the way. He walked this distance twice while he studied there. Here he was taught by Caspar Wistar, M.D. (1761-1818) at the Medical College, and he knew the great Dr. Rush. He was unable to take his final degree because he lacked the money to continue.

In 1816 at Lodi, New York, Claudius began the practice of medicine. On July 20, 1817, at Romulus, New York, he married Sara Maria Folwell, born February 1, 1798, Southampton, Pennsylvania, daughter of William Watts and Jane (Dungan) Folwell. She was four years younger than he, and had also attended Canandaigua Academy. She was a niece of Claudius's patron, Dr. Dungan; and he met her in the Doctor's home where she was a close friend of the Doctor's only child by his first wife--Patty. Sara was stated to have seen General Washington when her mother visited, with her as a baby, the Wistars in Philadelphia.

Sara and Claudius's first home was a rented place in Townsendsville, where the Doctor began his practice. Later he bought a farm where Jennie, Mattie, and Helen were born. This place with its log store, shoe store, and wagon shop took on the name of Coan Corners. The farm did not move, but the town lines did; so Mattie was born in Covert, and Jennie and Helen in Lodi. In 1835 the family moved to Ovid because Ovid Academy was there; and about 1849 they moved to the Hermitage, two miles south of Ovid. This crossroads also became known as Coan's Corners.

Before their marriage Claudius and Sara were interested in amateur theatricals and performed in them. This interest occurred before Sara's conversion to a very strict religious sect. Although she was immersed in Seneca Lake and joined the Baptist Church, her husband and children then were attending the Presbyterian Church in Ovid where Dr. Lounsbury was minister. At the end of his life Claudius was very deaf. He still went to church regularly although he couldn't hear a word. Later Sara became a member of the Christian Church in Romulus and grew deeply religious. She was interested in history, world events, and was always very patriotic.

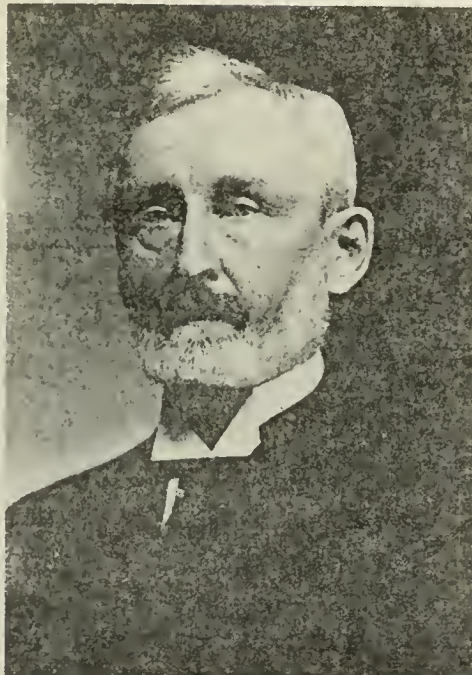
Claudius had a good memory and a keen observation which was coupled with hard common sense. He was a Democrat and an admirer of General Jackson, the reason he called his house, The Hermitage. He also had great respect for Horatio Seymour, a leading Democrat elected Governor in 1852. The parrot one of his daughters sent him was trained to say: "Hurrah for Seymour, and hurrah for Dr. Coan!" Claudius was successful as a financier, influential as a citizen, and a pioneer in temperance work.



*Dr. Claudius Collins Coan,
Courtesy Wayne E. Morrison,
Sr., Town and Village of Ovid,
Seneca County, N.Y.*



*William Alfred Bolter, Courtesy
Wayne E. Morrison, Sr., Town
and Village of Ovid, Seneca
County, N.Y.*



*Willis Judson Beecher, husband
of Sara Maria Bolter, Courtesy
National Cyclopaedia of Amer-
ican Biography, Vol. XVI.*



Elizabeth Coan Bolter, Courtesy Wayne E. Morrison, Sr., Town and Village of Ovid, Seneca County, N.Y.



Dr. Alfred Bolter, Courtesy Wayne E. Morrison, Sr., Town and Village of Ovid, Seneca County, N.Y.

Federal Census 1870: "Claudius C. Coan, aged 76, physician and farmer, worth \$62,000, born in Mass.; Sarah M., aged seventy-two, worth \$1,000, born in Pa.; Mary, aged thirty, worth \$100, born in N.Y.; and servants Mary Farrall, aged fourteen, born in Ireland; Mary A. David, aged nineteen, born in N.Y." (Vol. 94:142)

Pension Application: When Claudius was 77 years old, he applied for a pension for service in the War 1812-1814. He said he served "a full sixty days" in Captain Morehouses's Company, in Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Allen of New York State Militia; that he was a substitute for Joseph Hull and joined July 1, 1812; was honorably discharged about September 20, 1812.

He did not receive the pension.

Claudius continued the uninterrupted practice of medicine for 65 years until his last illness. He and Sara died at the Hermitage just one day apart. He died February 28, 1882, aged 88; she died March 1, 1882, aged 84. Claudius left a lengthy and detailed will and an estate valued at \$125,000. Their joint funeral took place in the Presbyterian Church in Ovid, an Episcopal service being read over their common grace.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 26, 1818
- ii. William Folwell, b. Mar. 1, 1820
- iii. Martha Dungan, b. Mar. 12, 1824
- iv. Robert R., b. Jan. 18, 1827; d. Sept. 18, 1827, aged 8 months
- v. Phoebe Jane, known as Jennie, b. Sept. 8, 1829
- vi. Helen Sandford, b. Jan. 6, 1833
- vii. Sara Elvira, b. May 7, 1837
- viii. Mary Euphemia, b. Sept. 6, 1839

Reference: Wayne E. Morrison, Sr., comp., Town and Village of Ovid, Seneca County, New York (Ovid, N.Y.: W. E. Morrison & Co., 1980) pp. 280, 281.

ELIZABETH⁵ COAN (Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Covert, Seneca County, New York, April 26, 1818, the daughter of Claudius Collins and Sara Maria (Folwell) Coan. August 16, 1842, at Ovid, New York, she married Alfred Bolter, who was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, July 4, 1811, the son of William and Nancy (Pomeroy) Bolter. He spent his early life in Northampton, and in 1826 moved to Utica, New York, where he was influenced by Dr. Finney, the evangelist, and joined the Presbyterian church. In 1830 he entered Ovid Academy in Ovid, and studied there about three years. He taught school several years, but was in poor health. He then began to study medicine under Elizabeth's

father, Dr. Coan. In 1939 he obtained his medical degree from Geneva Medical College, and began practicing in Ovid Village where he lived the rest of his life.

Alfred was an advocate of temperance reform and an opponent of slavery. He was an active member of the Free Soil Movement; he took part in political conventions and addressed public meetings. In 1850 he served one term in the State Legislature and became an active member of the Republican party. He was for many years a member of the Board of Ovid Academy, was president of the Board of Trustees of Ovid Village in 1875, and for more than 20 years was superintendent of the Sabbath School of the Ovid Presbyterian Church.

In 1860 he was thrown from his carriage and broke his leg. He suffered greatly with this injury and was confined for over a year. His leg was shortened, and he was permanently lame. During the Civil War he served in the Transport Service on the James River in the employ of the Sanitary Commission and witnessed the engagement between the Merrimack and the Monitor. He died July 12, 1880, at age 69 in Ovid. Elizabeth died April 27, 1894, in Auburn, New York. She and Alfred were buried in Ovid.

Children (6) BOLTER

- i. Sara Maria, b. May 22, 1844
- ii. William Alfred, b. June 18, 1846
- iii. Martha Leach, b. Dec. 20, 1848; d. Dec. 19, 1852, aged 4; known as Mattie

Reference: Wayne E. Morrison, Sr., Town and Village of Ovid, Seneca County, New York, p. 280.

SARA MARIA BOLTER, daughter of Dr. Alfred and Elizabeth (Coan) Bolter, was born May 22, 1844. On June 14, 1865, in Ovid, New York, she married Willis Judson Beecher, who was born in Hampton, Ohio, April 29, 1838. He received his preparatory education at Augusta Academy and Vernon Academy, Oneida County, New York; and was graduated from Hamilton College valedictorian, with an A.B. degree, in 1858. He taught at Whitestown Seminary for a short time and then entered Auburn Theological Seminary where he was graduated in 1864 and ordained to the Presbyterian ministry. In 1864-1865 he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Ovid, New York. During 1865-1869 he was professor of moral science and belles lettres at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. From 1869 until 1871 he was pastor of the First Church of Christ (Congregational) at Galesburg. In 1871 he was called to the chair of Hebrew language and literature in Auburn Theological Seminary and occupied that position for 37 years. He was a prolific writer, and his work was published in many newspapers, magazines, society journals, encyclopedias, and other books of reference.

Willis was awarded the honorary degree of D.D. by Hamilton College in 1875 and by Princeton University in 1896. He was president of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in 1904; member of the American Oriental Society, American Institute of Sacred Literature, American Bible League, and of the general assembly's committee on the revision of the Confession in 1890-1892. In the latter year he delivered the Stone lectures at Princeton University, and in 1909 was moderator of the synod of New York.

Sara died December 4, 1892, aged 48, at Auburn, New York. Willis died there May 10, 1912.

Children (7) BEECHER

- i. Martha Leach, b. Apr. 29, 1866; d. Dec. 30, 1875
- ii. Elizabeth, b. Mar. 27, 1871

Reference: National Cyclopaedia of American Biography (New York: James T. White Company, 1937), Vol. XVI, pp. 305, 306.

ELIZABETH BEECHER⁷, daughter of Sara Maria (Bolter) and Willis Judson Beecher, was born March 27, 1871. She received a degree from Wellesley, Class of 1893. She died April 11, 1935.

The following quotation is from "In Memoriam," The Wellesley Magazine, Vol. XIX, No. 5 (June 1935): 432-433: "Elizabeth never left her girlhood home to which she was greatly attached, she was always a great lover of the classics, expressed in reading and in club work, and also had a keen interest in civic affairs, and in the out-of-doors, especially her garden in summer and many plants within her home during the long winter months. Her letters always indicated a strong interest in the outer world, and in Wellesley past and present..."

Winifred Holman in Coan Lineage stated Elizabeth married _____ Armstrong. There is, however, in the Wellesley College files no record of such a marriage.

WILLIAM ALFRED BOLTER⁶, son of Dr. Alfred and Elizabeth (Coan) Bolter, was born June 18, 1846. He was married three times. Probably because of these three marriages he was named and specifically excluded from receiving any inheritance in his grandfather Claudius Coan's will. In 1898 he was residing in Holt, Michigan.

Children (7) BOLTER

- i. Alfred H., b. July 24, 1881
- ii. Willis Ray, b. June 19, 1888

WILLIAM FOLWELL⁵ COAN (Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹), son of Claudius Collins and Sara Maria (Folwell) Coan, was born in Lodi, Seneca County, New York, March 1, 1820. He was educated at Ovid Academy and was married August 16, 1842, in Trumansburgh, New York, to Catharine Louisa Peck. The Reverend Dr. Hutchins Taylor performed the ceremony. Catharine was born in New Milford, Connecticut, December 17, 1822, the daughter of Bennett and Miranda (Stone) Peck. When she was nine years old, she made her home with her uncle Albert G. Stone in Trumansburgh, New York, where she attended a private school. When she entered Ithaca Academy, she lived the first year with the family of Judge Walbridge, and the second year with Fred Camp, her mother's cousin. Later she was a student at Pompey Hill Academy in Pompey, New York.

She was married at her uncle's home in Trumansburgh on the same day that her bridegroom's sister Elizabeth Coan became the wife of Dr. Alfred Bolter at Ovid, New York. After William and Catharine were married, they, along with Martha Dungan Coan as bridesmaid and William B. Leonard as best man, drove fifteen miles to Ovid and attended Elizabeth's wedding which was performed by the Reverend Dr. Lounsbury. Then the two bridal couples went to Niagara Falls together for their wedding trip.

At the time of his marriage William was in business in Ovid; but as he was not well, they soon went to live on the old home farm near Townsendsville, New York. Life was very difficult on the farm for Catharine, but here their three daughters and a son Claudius were born. The children were taught mainly by their mother and their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Peck.

In June, 1852, William was seriously injured in a horse and buggy accident as he came home from church. His leg was shattered as he saved his two daughters from injury. In 1856 he sold the farm and went out to Clinton, Iowa. While he was there, the family lived temporarily in Townsendsville. He bought a house in Clinton and came back East for his family and Mrs. Peck. They all arrived in Clinton May 19, 1857 via Fulton, Illinois, crossing the Mississippi in a ferry boat. In 1860 William Folwell, Jr., was born in Clinton.

In 1858 William, Sr., became a private banker in Clinton; and when the National Bank (first bank in Clinton, opened in 1857) was for sale by its owners in 1863, William bought them out. He merged his bank with the Clinton National, and moved it to a new location at the corner of Fifth Avenue and First Street. It was reorganized in 1865 with some of the strongest capitalists of the city as incorporators, and he became its president.

William and Catharine joined the Presbyterian Church in Clinton by letter soon after their arrival. He served as trustee until his death; he was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. He did a great deal to promote the interests of Clinton and the community. He was instrumental

in the building of the Midland, Burlington, and Cedar Rapids & Northern railroads. He also worked to establish the water works, the library, and the public school.

In 1885 although William was in poor health, he and Catharine took a trip East. On their way back they called on their cousins, Dr. and Mrs. Bainbridge Folwell of Buffalo; and on William's sister Phoebe Jane now married to Dr. Schuyler and living in Marshall, Michigan. William died of apoplexy January 18, 1886, aged 65. The Reverend Joseph D. Burrill officiated at the funeral. According to his obituary in The Clinton Herald January 23, 1888, his funeral cortege consisted of fifteen carriages and forty-six sleighs. Catharine outlived her husband by over twenty years; she died in Clinton March 9, 1907, aged 84. They were both buried in Clinton in Springdale Cemetery where William was the first purchaser of a lot in the original plot of that cemetery. The following is from The Biographical Record of Clinton County, Iowa, p. 506:

The most pleasant legacy to William's children was his honored name, and the love and esteem which all classes of society gave him, more especially the poor and less fortunate ones, who were sincere mourners at his death. He gave to them not only the best of advice in their difficulties, but assisted them financially, tiding them over hard places and starting them in their business careers; and many attribute their success to his timely assistance.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Frances Louisa, b. Nov. 19, 1843
- ii. Stella Caroline, b. Sept. 23, 1847
- iii. Helen Claudine, b. Dec. 4, 1851
- iv. Claudius Collins, b. Sept. 8, 1855
- v. William Folwell, Jr., b. Apr. 4, 1860

Reference: Facts from article in Ovid Bee submitted by Wayne E. Morrison, Sr., Ovid, N. Y. 14521

History of Clinton County, Iowa (Chicago: Western Historical Company, 1879), pp. 372, 506, 508, 510, 511, 528, 529, 530, 673, 676, 680.

Iowa, Its History and Its Foremost Citizens (Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1916), pp. 1450, 1451.

Ter-Centennial Celebration of Secondary Education in America (Clinton, Iowa, 1935).

FRANCES LOUISA⁶ COAN (William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹), daughter of William Folwell and Catharine Louisa (Peck) Coan, was born November 19, 1843, in Townsendville, New York. She attended Lyons Female Seminary and was

a member of the Colonial Dames. In Clinton, Iowa, June 28, 1865, she married Walter Ingalls Hayes. He was born in Marshall, Michigan, December 9, 1841, the son of Dr. Andrew L. and Clarissa Seldon (Hart) Hayes.

Walter was educated in the Marshall public schools, and at nineteen years of age he entered the law office of Hughes and Woolley to commence reading the law. He was graduated from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1863 and admitted to the Michigan Bar that same year. The following year he became a member of the firm of his former teachers, Hughes, Woolley & Hayes. He was United States Commissioner for the Eastern District of Michigan from 1864-1866, and city attorney for Marshall in 1865.

In 1866 he was offered a partnership with General N. B. Baker, Attorney General of Iowa, and moved to Clinton, Iowa, where he was with the firm, Baker & Hayes. This partnership continued until General Baker moved to Des Moines; Walter was without a partner until 1872 when the firm became Hayes & Young. In 1875 Hayes, although a Democrat, was appointed by Governor Carpenter to complete the unexpired term of District Judge Brennan. In October of that year Hayes was elected to the same position without opposition. One of his most famous decisions was made in 1882 when he declared Iowa's prohibition amendment unconstitutional because the legislature had passed two slightly different forms.

He was city attorney in Clinton in 1869; city solicitor in 1870, 1871, and 1875. He also was a stockholder and a director of the Clinton National Bank. He served in the 50th, 51st, 52nd, and 53rd Congress; he was elected first in 1886, and in 1888 and 1892 was the only Iowa Democrat in Congress.

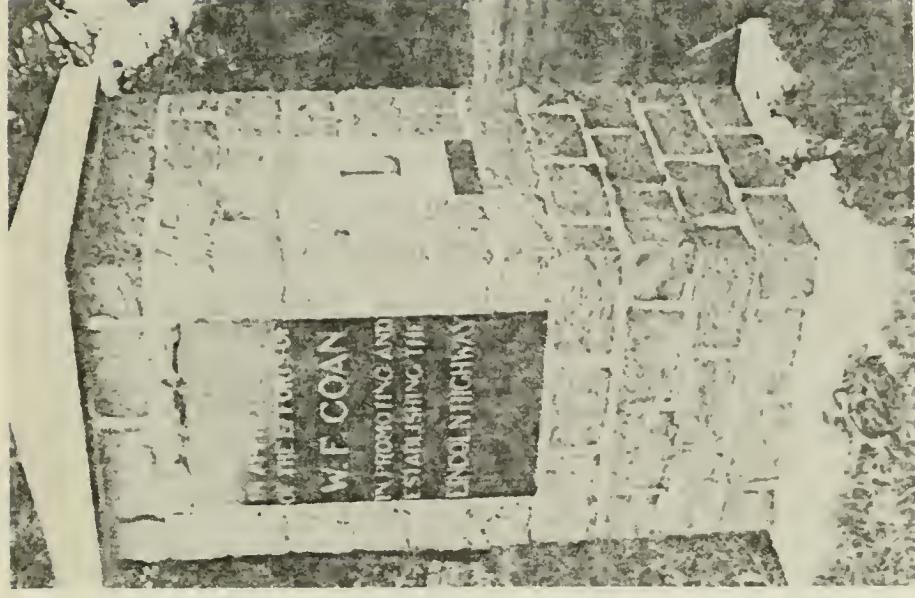
While attending the funeral of his uncle in Marshall, Michigan, Walter died unexpectedly March 14, 1901. He was buried in Clinton.

Reference: Lucius P. Allen, The History of Clinton County, Iowa (Chicago: Western Historical Company, 1879) p. 501, 680.

STELLA CAROLINE⁶ COAN (William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹), daughter of William Folwell and Catharine Louisa (Peck) Coan, was born September 23, 1847, in Lodi, near Townsendville, New York. She spent several years at Lyons Female Seminary studying music. She married Amos Greer Ewing December 21, 1871, in Clinton, Iowa. He was born February 11, 1838, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; attended school there; and was graduated from Jefferson College in Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1860. He came to Clinton in 1865 and engaged in the mercantile business with the firm Ewing and Young. He later was associated with the firm W. J. Young & Company as superintendent of their lumber yards. He was a member of the City Council.



Claudius Collins Coan. Courtesy Archives, Cornell University.



In Iowa at the junction of U.S. 67 and U.S. 30 a marker honors William Folwell Coan, Jr. Courtesy Clinton County Historical Society, History of Clinton County, Iowa.



William Folwell Coan, Jr. Courtesy Minnesota Historical Society.



Edwin Welles Coan. Courtesy Minnesota Historical Society.

Children (7) EWING

- i. Catherine, b. Dec. 11, 1875
- ii. Sarah, b. Mar. 12, 1878
- iii. Claudius Coan, b. Jan. 27, 1880

Reference: History of Clinton County, Iowa, p. 676.

HELEN CLAUDINE⁶ COAN (William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹), daughter of William Folwell and Catharine Louisa (Peck) Coan, was born December 5, 1851, in Lodi, near Townsendsville, New York. She attended Lyons Female Saminary and Knox Seminary in Galesburg, Illinois. She married in Clinton October 15, 1879, Dr. A. Homer Smith. The Reverend J. G. Cowden performed the ceremony. Dr. Smith was born March 20, 1850, at Rockford, Illinois. He was educated at Wheaton College in Illinois and at Rush Medical College. He died January 9, 1890, at Clinton.

CLAUDIUS COLLINS⁶ COAN (William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born at Lodi, Seneca County, New York, September 8, 1855, the son of William Folwell and Catharine Louise (Peck) Coan. He was educated in Lyons, Iowa, and at Cornell University where he was a member of Chi Phi fraternity. October 12, 1887, in Rome, New York, he married Edith Ernestine Nock, who was born August 17, 1861, the daughter of Thomas Gill and Caroline (Prouty) Nock. The Reverend Dr. Taylor performed the wedding ceremony. Edith was educated in Albany, New York.

Claudius, like his father, was civic minded. He was interested in developing a street railway system for Clinton. He was secretary of the early Electric Railway Park Company in 1894, and later treasurer of the Clinton Street Railway Company (CSRyCo), which absorbed some of the smaller lines. In 1914 CSRyCo expanded and purchased seven new and larger cars. These were "pay as you enter" type, the first of their kind.

With his brother William, Claudius promoted advances in education. It was their land, donated to the school board before World War I, upon which Clinton High School was built; and Coan Field, the athletic grounds, was part of the same gift.

At the death of his father, Claudius became cashier of the Clinton National Bank. In 1895, several years later, he became the bank's president. He was also president of the Clinton Savings Bank, a member of the Wapaipinicon Club, Clinton Country Club, Chicago Athletic Association, and of Clinton Masonic bodies. He also was active for many years in the Cornell Alumni Association of Chicago.

His wife Edith died in Clinton February 12, 1920. Claudius died suddenly February 3, 1923.

The following is from an account of his funeral in The Clinton Herald of February 5, 1923: "In deference to the memory of the deceased and as a tribute, all traffic on the lines of the Clinton Street Railway Company ceased at 2 o'clock, and street cars remained stationary for one minute."

Claudius and Edith were both buried in Springdale Cemetery in Clinton.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Thomas Gill, b. Nov. 28, 1889, Rome, N. Y.; d. Nov. 29, 1889; buried at Rome

Reference: "Death Ends Suffering of C. C. Coan," The Clinton Herald, Clinton, Iowa, February 3, 1923, p. 6.

Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

"Funerals," The Clinton Herald, February 5, 1923, p. 8.

History of Clinton County, Iowa, Clinton County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, Iowa American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, 1976, p. 90.

WILLIAM FOLWELL⁶ COAN, JR. (William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹), son of William Folwell and Catharine Louisa (Peck) Coan, was born April 4, 1860, in Clinton, Iowa. He was educated in the public and private schools of Clinton and attended Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois, for two years. On December 11, 1882, in the Presbyterian Church in Clinton he married Mary Alice Welles. The Reverend Dr. Weller performed the ceremony.

Mary Alice Welles was born May 27, 1860, in Fulton, Illinois, daughter of Edwin Pillsbury and Isabelle (Griswold) Welles. She was a lineal descendant of Governor Thomas Welles of Connecticut. She received her education at Abbot Academy, Andover, Massachusetts.

William was cashier of the Clinton National Bank and secretary and treasurer of the Clinton Savings Bank. He was very much involved with the affairs of the city and community. He was on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of Agatha Hospital, a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, president of the Wapaipinicon Club. However, he was best known and widely recognized for his efforts in highway development. He received a silver medal, one of only six awarded the first year, for service to the Lincoln Highway project. Carl Fisher, the man who perfected the means of compressing carbide gas in tanks (Prest-O-Lite) and suggested the Indianapolis Speedway, proposed a coast-to-coast rock highway. Consuls were selected for each state to take care of local rights and work out local problems. William was the first consul for Iowa. He was known all over

the country for what he did to promote this highway. He also proposed the Mississippi Scenic Highway. A little west of Clinton at the Junction of U. S. 67, the Mississippi, and U. S. 30, the Lincoln, there is a stone marker honoring him for his exceptional contribution in making those two great roads possible.

In History of Clinton County, Iowa by the Clinton Historical Society in 1976 there is an article entitled "High Society" from which I quote:

By 1880 elegance had become a reality for such affluent families as the Lambs, the Youngs, Eastmans, Curtises, Coans, and Joyces....The Encyclopedia Britannica, speaking of this era, states that there were more millionaires in a certain city block in the city of Clinton, Iowa, than in any other place in the world.

William died suddenly in Clinton February 13, 1918, aged 57; his wife died in Morrison, Illinois, December 5, 1939, aged 79. They were both buried in Springdale Cemetery in Clinton.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Edwin Welles, b. May 25, 1885
- ii. Isabelle Welles, b. Nov. 7, 1888
- iii. Catharine Louise, b. Apr. 2, 1892
- iv. Folwell Welles, b. Nov. 13, 1894

Reference: Allen, History of Clinton County, Iowa, pp. 144, 172, 302.

The Clinton Herald, Clinton, Iowa, February 13, 1918, p. 1; February 14, 1918; February 15, 1918, p. 4; February 16, 1918, p. 6.

⁷ EDWIN WELLES⁴ ⁶ COAN (William F., Jr., William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Clinton, Iowa, May 25, 1885, the son of William Folwell, Jr., and Mary Alice (Welles) Coan. He was not interested in the professions, but in business. Encouraged by his grandfather, E. P. Welles, he started to learn lumbering from the ground up. The December before his twenty-first birthday in May he was stricken with tuberculosis. Hoping the climate would be beneficial, he and his mother had been in Colorado Springs, Colorado, about five weeks when a severe hemorrhage caused his death. His brother Folwell and his sisters, Isabelle and Catharine, had just arrived that day to spend the summer. He died in the evening of June 23, 1906. His funeral and burial were in Clinton, Iowa.

Reference: "Close of a Young Life," Clinton Daily Herald, June 26, 1906.

ISABELLE WELLES⁷ COAN (William F., Jr.⁶, William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Clinton, Iowa, November 7, 1888, daughter of William Folwell, Jr., and Mary Alice (Welles) Coan. She attended the Wells School and was graduated from Wells College in the Class of 1910. While at Wells she was Inter-Collegiate Conference Delegate, captain of the basketball team, and active in the glee club and in dramatics. In the senior play, Shakespeare's A Winter's Tale, she played the leading role of Queen Hermione.

On June 21, 1916, in Clinton she married the Reverend Humphrey Jones Rendall, who was born in Oxford, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1882, the son of John and Harriet (Jones) Rendall. Dr. John Rendall was President of Lincoln University in Oxford, Pennsylvania. Humphrey was educated at Oxford Academy, at Lincoln University, and entered Princeton University as a junior in 1901. He received his A.B. degree in 1903. He was an avid tennis player; was captain of the tennis team at Princeton and state champion of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. In 1905 he received his A.M. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. From 1906 to 1911 he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Broomall, Pennsylvania; at Irwin, Pennsylvania, from 1911 to 1914; and at Clinton, Iowa, from 1914 to 1921. In 1918 during World War I he served as YMCA secretary at Camp Dodge.

Isabelle and Humphrey moved to Morrison, Illinois, in 1922 when he became associated with Illinois Refrigerator Company. He later became secretary and vice-president of this company. In Morrison he was connected with a variety of of civic activities. He directed the local chapter of the Red Cross for 40 years and was president of the Blackhawk Council of the Boy Scouts. For over fifty years he was a member of the Rotary Club, was district governor of the Rotary Club, and received one of their highest awards when he was named a Paul Harris Fellow as a result of a generous contribution by the Morrison club in his honor. He died in Morrison November 26, 1977.

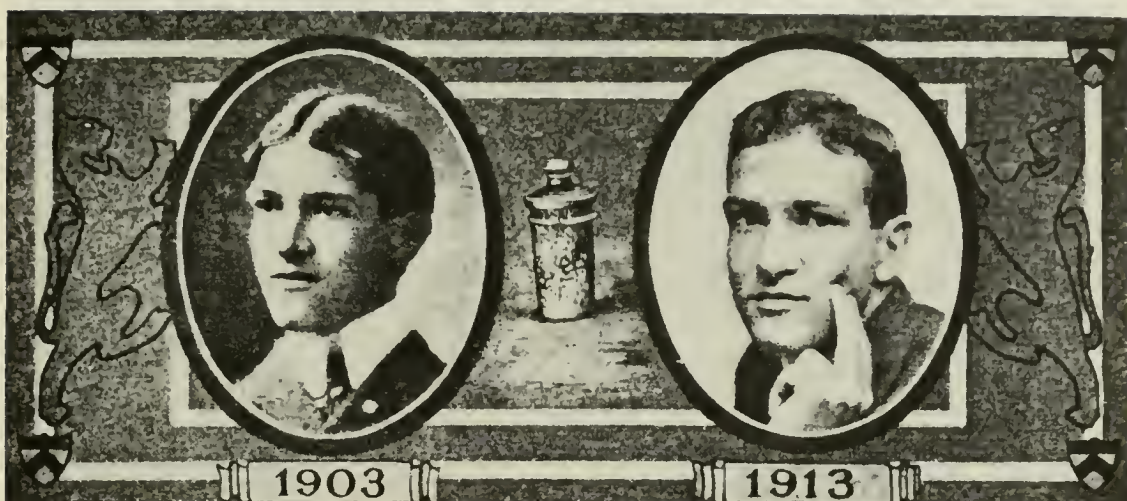
Isabelle was active in Girl Scouts, Parent-Teachers Association; was president of the League of Women Voters and the Morrison Women's Club. She died in Morrison January 15, 1980. She and Humphrey were buried in Springdale Cemetery in Clinton, Iowa.

Children (8) RENDALL

- i. Edwin Coan, b. Aug. 31, 1917
- ii. William Humphrey, b. Mar. 22, 1919
- iii. Harriet Elizabeth, b. Apr. 13, 1924
- iv. Mary Welles, b. Aug. 10, 1929

Reference: Alumni Records, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544.

Decennial Record of the Class of 1903, Princeton University, p. 244.



(top) Humphrey Jones Rendall. Courtesy The Decennial Record of the Class of 1903, Princeton University; (center) Mary Welles Rendall; (bottom left) Isabelle Welles Coan. Courtesy 1910 Yearbook, Wells College; (bottom right) Edwin Coan Rendall.





Folwell Welles Coan. Courtesy Minnesota Historical Society.

1903: Fifty Years Later, Princeton University, p. 223.

1910 Yearbook, Wells College, p. 26.

Twenty-year Record of the Class of 1903, Princeton University, p. 270.

Wells College Bulletin, Vol. 14, No. 2, January, 1928, p. 82.

EDWIN COAN RENDALL⁸, son of Humphrey Jones and Isabelle Welles (Coan) Rendall, was born in Clinton, Iowa, August 31, 1917. He was educated at Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois, and at Williams College, where he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity and the Class of 1939. During World War II he served in the United States Army.

On October 1, 1949, in Wilmington, Delaware, he married Carrol Wolff. From 1946 until 1961 he served as a foreign service officer in the United States Department of State. His assignments to foreign posts included Hanoi, Johannesburg, Marseilles, Bern, and London. From 1961 until 1980 he was an economist in the Office of International Affairs of the United States Treasury Department. In his treasury career he accompanied various Secretaries of The Treasury to meetings in Rio, Brazilia, Buenos Aires, Moscow, and Warsaw. In 1982 he lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C.

Children (9) RENDALL

- i. Christopher Welles, b. Dec. 10, 1953
- ii. Margot Alexander, a twin, b. June 23, 1956
- iii. Anne Carrol, a twin, b. June 23, 1956

Reference: Edwin C. Rendall, 5500 Friendship Blvd., #2212N, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

CHRISTOPHER WELLES RENDALL⁹, the son of Edwin Coan and Carrol (Wolff) Rendall, was born in Washington, D.C., December 10, 1953. In 1981 he sold copiers for 3M Company in the Washington, D.C., area.

Reference: Edwin C. Rendall

MARGOT ALEXANDER RENDALL⁹, the daughter of Edwin Coan and Carrol (Wolff) Rendall, was born a twin June 23, 1956, in Bern, Switzerland. She was graduated from Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, in 1979, and was a Fulbright Scholar, 1979-1980, in Dakar, Senegal. In March, 1981, she became affiliated with Kuhn Loeb Lehman Bros. International, Inc.

Reference: Edwin C. Rendall

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ANNE CARROL RENDALL , the daughter of Edwin Coan and Carrol (Wolff) Rendall, was born a twin June 23, 1956, in Bern, Switzerland. She received an A.B. degree from Vassar College in 1978. In 1982 she was an economist with the United States Treasury Department in Washington, D.C.

Reference: Edwin C. Rendall

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WILLIAM HUMPHREY RENDALL , son of Humphrey Jones and Isabelle (Coan) Rendall, was born March 22, 1919, at Clinton, Iowa. He attended Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois, and was graduated from the University of Washington with a major in geography. He married Doris Kinraid March 17, 1945, in Morrison, Illinois. She also was graduated from the University of Washington; her major was archeology. William worked for the Right of Way Division of the Nevada Highway Department; Doris, for the Nevada State Museum. They enjoyed sailing, as well as skiing and camping in the nearby Sierras. He was gate observer and she a timekeeper for the skiing events of the 1964 Winter Olympics held in Squaw Valley, California. He died September 26, 1978, in Carson City, Nevada.

Children (9) RENDALL

i. Bonnie Alfred, a son, b. Mar. 8, 1948

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BONNIE ALFRED RENDALL , son of William Humphrey and Doris (Kinraid) Rendall, was born March 8, 1948, in Kirkland, Washington. He was graduated from the University of Nevada with a major in history. In 1969 he married Marian McKibben. She earned her master's degree at the University of California in Berkeley. He died March 10, 1975, in Albany, California. She was a teacher and coached basketball. Her address (1981) was Sagle, Idaho.

Children (10) RENDALL

i. Winston Snow, b. Sept. 1971

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HARRIET ELIZABETH RENDALL , daughter of Humphrey Jones and Isabelle (Coan) Rendall, was born April 13, 1924, at Clinton, Iowa. She was a graduate of Wells College and earned a master's in sociology from the University of Washington. She was a psychiatric social worker; her hobbies were water sports and skiing. She died in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 3, 1964, aged 39. She was buried in the Coan lot in Springdale Cemetery, Clinton, Iowa.



Daughters of Catharine Louise Coan Smith; (left) Marilyn Coan Smith, (right) Priscilla Coan Smith. Courtesy The Emma Willard School.

Mount Holyoke Sem. c. 1840, Nov. 25th 1840

My Dear Harriet

To-morrow is "Thanksgiving-day." We were here
no school until next morning. This is our Thanksgiving or action-
more than one-third of the young ladies are married. ^{I don't} know you
know. When I wish I could spend this ^{Thanksgiving} day at home.

I have been an answering you, as remember my reason for doing
a day. Please answer this soon, and I assure you I shall be more
prompt. Let me close by wishing you a "Happy New Year,"

With best wishes and kindest love of Mrs. H. L. Coan.

Mrs. Harriet Holgate.

MARY WELLES RENDALL⁸, the daughter of Humphrey Jones and Isabelle (Coan) Rendall, was born August 10, 1929, in Clinton, Iowa. She was graduated from Wells College, Aurora, New York, and became a certified public accountant. She was controller of Shannon & Wilson, Inc., a large engineering firm in Seattle. She was president of the Seattle Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants and enjoyed water sports and skiing. In 1981 she was living in Morrison, Illinois, where she was president of the United Way and active in civic affairs.

Reference: Mary W. Rendall, 616 Lincolnway Ct., Morrison, IL 61270

CATHARINE LOUISE⁷ COAN (William F., Jr.⁶, William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Clinton, Iowa, April 2, 1892, the daughter of William Folwell, Jr., and Mary Alice (Welles) Coan. She was educated at the Emma Willard School in Troy, New York, and Wells College in Aurora, New York. On October 20, 1917, in Clinton she married Frank Leander Smith, who was born in Morrison, Illinois, January 13, 1894, the son of Edward Allen and Ellen (Sprague) Smith. He attended North Western Military Academy and Union College. During World War I he served as an officer in the United States Army.

Catharine and Frank lived at "Four Winds," Morrison, Illinois, where Catharine was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the D.A.R. of Morrison, Morrison Garden Club, and was active in the building of Morrison Community Hospital. Frank died in Clinton, Iowa, April 7, 1934; Catharine, in Morrison, Illinois, May 7, 1981. Burial was in Grove Hill Cemetery, Morrison.

Children (8) SMITH

- i. Marillyn Coan, b. Oct. 10, 1920
- ii. Frances Coan, b. Feb. 17, 1922
- iii. Priscilla Coan, b. July 1, 1925

Reference: "Obituaries," Clinton, Iowa, Herald, May 18, 1981, p. 13.

MARILLYN COAN SMITH⁸, daughter of Frank Leander and Catharine Louise (Coan) Smith, was born in Clinton, Iowa, October 10, 1920. She was graduated from Emma Willard School and Wells College. On December 26, 1953, she married Redfield Wilmerton Allen, who was born in Washington, D.C., December 29, 1921, the son of Lawrence Howe and Ethel (Mell) Allen. From 1943 to 1946 he served as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. He received an M.S. degree from the University of Maryland and a Ph.D. in 1959 from the Univer-

sity of Minnesota. He became a member of the faculty at the University of Maryland. Marillyn and he resided at Silver Spring, Maryland (1981).

Children (9) ALLEN

- i. Julia Coan, b. Nov. 19, 1955
- ii. Lawrence Redfield, b. Feb. 2, 1957

Reference: Mrs. Redfield W. Allen, 13710 Grasmere Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

JULIA COAN ALLEN⁹, daughter of Redfield Wilmerton and Marillyn Coan (Smith) Allen, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 19, 1955. She received a B.A. degree from Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts, and an M.A. degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in 1979. She resided in Washington, D.C. (1981).

Reference: Mrs. Redfield W. Allen

LAWRENCE REDFIELD ALLEN⁹, son of Redfield Wilmerton and Marillyn Coan (Smith) Allen, was born in Silver Spring, Maryland, February 2, 1957. He married July 31, 1977, in Silver Spring, Gail Eileen Cohen, who was born May 19, 1957. They resided at Silver Spring (1981).

Reference: Mrs. Redfield W. Allen

FRANCES COAN SMITH⁸, the daughter of Frank Leander and Catharine Louise (Coan) Smith, was born in Clinton, Iowa, February 17, 1922. She was educated at San Luis Ranch School, Bradford Academy, Bradford, Massachusetts, and the University of Colorado. She married October 24, 1951, in Washington, D.C., Eugene Carpenter Coan, her cousin, the son of Folwell Welles and Olivia Lamb (Carpenter) Coan (see Eugene Carpenter Coan in this chapter).

PRISCILLA COAN SMITH⁸, daughter of Frank Leander and Catharine Louise (Coan) Smith was born July 1, 1925, in Clinton, Iowa. She was graduated from Emma Willard School and received her B.A. degree from Wells College. She earned her M.A. degree in religious education from Hartford Seminary. On January 15, 1955, in Columbus, Ohio, she married the Reverend Frederick Waldo Savage, who was born November 2, 1911, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the son of Charles F. and Ethel Ella (Rich) Savage. He attended Wesleyan, Boston University, Andover-Newton Theological School, and Mansfield College, Oxford University.

Waldo was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ for six years, president of the Board of the Indianapolis Pastoral Care and Counseling Center, chairman of the Ministers Advisory Board of Christian Theological Seminary, member of the Commission on Worship of the United Church of Christ, and president of the Indiana Council of Churches.

Priscilla served on the National Board of the Y.W.C.A. from 1964 to 1968; was president of Hartford Seminary Foundation of Women 1950-1951; was extremely active in the National Society for Autistic Children, helping to develop much-needed channels of communication between parents and professionals. Her youngest child was autistic. They lived in Indianapolis (1981).

Children (9) SAVAGE

- i. Bradley Smith, b. Mar. 29, 1957, Champaign, Ill.
- ii. Cynthia Leigh, b. Aug. 25, 1958, Urbana, Ill.
- iii. Priscilla Ingram, b. Aug. 8, 1968, Indianapolis, Ind.

Reference: Mrs. F. Waldo Savage, 8484 No. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

FOLWELL WELLES⁷ COAN (William F., Jr.⁶, William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Clinton, Iowa, November 13, 1894, son of William Folwell, Jr., and Mary Alice (Welles) Coan. The following comprehensive summary of his life was taken from A Twenty-five Year Record, Yale University, Class of 1919, as quoted in Winifred L. Holman's Coan Lineage.

FOLWELL WELLES COAN, November 13, 1894 - April 24, 1946.

Benny was born in Clinton, Iowa, and lived there until he moved to Minneapolis to enter business at the end of the First World War. He was prepared for Yale at Hotchkiss. He was a member of Psi Upsilon. Benny left college in the spring of his sophomore year to enter the first Officers' Training Camp at Fort Snelling where he was assigned to the 337th Field Artillery on receiving his commission. He served with this outfit throughout World War I except for intervals of training at the Army School of Fire at Fort Sill and at Machine Gun School in France. He returned from France as a 1st Lieutenant and was discharged from the Army in January, 1919.

At that time he went to work for Shevlin, Carpenter & Clarke Co. of Minneapolis, a lumber management concern. Benny became Executive Vice President of their sales division, or Shevlin Pine Sales Co., with parti-

cular interest in the West Coast operations of the business. He was for many years Vice President of The Central Lumber Co. which operates retail lumber yards throughout the Middle West, and he was also a Director of the Monarch Lumber Co. and of the McCloud River Railroad Co. of California.

In February, 1942, Benny returned to the Army, receiving a commission as Captain in the Air Corps; he was soon promoted to Major, and assigned to carry out the Army Air Force Officer Procurement Program in the Seven West Coast States. This was completed in September, 1942, and was followed by several interesting and varied missions. For a year and a half he was with the Fourth Air Force and commanded the Headquarters Statistical Control Unit. He carried out two assignments for the War Department, one of which took him to China for five months in 1944. On his return he was Army Air Forces Hospital Liaison Officer at Halloran General Hospital in New York from February to September of 1945. He was separated from the army in September, 1945, and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon. He returned to take the presidency of the Central Lumber Co. and, at the time of his death, was locating lumber stocks for that Company on the West Coast. He died suddenly of a heart attack at Medford, Oregon, on April 24, 1946.

In 1922 Benny married Olivia Lamb Carpenter of Minneapolis; they had three children: a son, Eugene C. Coan, and two daughters, Olivia and Patricia. Benny took an active part in civic affairs and was, at the time of his death, Director of the Minneapolis Institute of Fine Arts, the Minneapolis Orchestral Association, and the Woodhill Country Club. He was a Past President of the Board of Trustees of the Northrup Collegiate School. He was loved and respected wherever he went for his integrity and courage, his quiet good judgment, humor, courtesy, and friendliness.

Mrs. Coan was the daughter of Eugene Joseph and Merrette (Lamb) Carpenter and was born in Minneapolis August 21, 1897. She attended Westover in Middlebury, Connecticut, Class of 1915, and was a student of Smith, Ex-1919. She married Folwell May 20, 1922, in Minneapolis. She and her daughters were members of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Minnesota, as was her mother. They all entered on a New York ancestor, Dr. Johannes de la Montagne. It was she who in 1961 employed Winifred L. Holman to do research on the Coan family. This research resulted in the typescript, The Coan Lineage. Later Mrs. Holman wrote Coan Addenda for Martha Jeanne Coan and Theodore H. Smith, with considerable help from them. Both these manuscripts were in the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Eugene Carpenter, b. Aug. 11, 1923
- ii. Olivia Lamb, b. May 28, 1925
- iii. Patricia Welles, b. Mar. 15, 1927

EUGENE CARPENTER⁸ COAN (Folwell W.⁷, William F., Jr.⁶, William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 11, 1923, the son of Folwell Welles and Olivia Lamb (Carpenter) Coan. He attended Oregon State University and was employed by the Great Northern Railway. He married October 24, 1951, in Washington, D.C., Frances Coan Smith, his cousin, who was born February 17, 1922, in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Frank Leander and Catharine Louise⁷ (Coan) Smith. Frances was educated at San Luis Ranch School, Bradford Academy, Bradford, Massachusetts, and the University of Colorado. They lived in Oregon, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and in 1982 were living in Kirkland, Washington, where Gene was self-employed.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Lindsey Welles, b. Sept. 3, 1952
- ii. Katharine Folwell, b. May 11, 1955
- iii. Son, b. and d. June 4, 1958

Reference: Mrs. Eugene C. Coan, 241 Lake Avenue West, Kirkland, WA 98033.

LINDSEY WELLES⁹ COAN (Eugene C.⁸, Folwell W.⁷, William F., Jr.⁶, William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹), daughter of Eugene Carpenter and Frances (Smith) Coan, was born September 3, 1952, in Corvallis, Oregon. She received a B.A. degree in literature/children's theater from Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington, in 1975. In 1980 she received an M.S. degree in therapeutic recreation from the University of Oregon in Eugene. She worked with children and the handicapped. August 17, 1974, she married Douglas Roy Ford, who was born August 9, 1952, in Hayward, California, the son of Gerald Morehead Ford, a minister, and Grace Ethel (Riddell) Ford, a chemist and teacher, of Spokane, Washington.

Douglas attended Fort Wright College in Spokane, and received a B.A. degree and teaching certificate in education in 1975. He was an elementary school teacher and fire fighter. Lindsey and Douglas lived in Lacey, Washington, in 1982.

Children (10) FORD

- i. Benjamin Coan, b. Sept. 28, 1981

Reference: Mrs. Douglas R. Ford, 6910 43rd Ave. S.E., Lacey, WA 98503.

KATHARINE FOLWELL⁹ COAN (Eugene C.⁸, Folwell W.⁷, William F., Jr.⁶, William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹), daughter of Eugene Carpenter and Frances (Smith) Coan, was born May 11, 1955, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was educated at St. George's High School, Spokane, Washington, and the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington. On October 8, 1977, at St. Louise Parish, Bellevue, Washington, she married Donald Anthony Hofmann. Her legal married name was Katharine Folwell Coan.

Donald was born November 18, 1948, at Wallace, Idaho, the son of Frederick Nicholas and Melanie Otilia (Becker) Hofmann. He was educated at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy at Wallace, Indiana, Wallace High School, and Western Technical College, Englewood, California. They lived (1981) in Silverton, Idaho, where they owned and operated a sporting goods store.

Reference: Katharine Folwell Coan, Silverton, ID 83868

OLIVIA LAMB⁸ COAN (Folwell W.⁷, William F., Jr.⁶, William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 28, 1925, the daughter of Folwell Welles and Olivia Lamb (Carpenter) Coan. She was graduated from the University of Washington. In Minneapolis December 24, 1948, she married David Griffith Jones, who was born July 2, 1918, the son of Herbert William and Margaret (Daniel) Jones. He was educated at Blake, Harvard, and Western Reserve University Medical School, and served in the United States Army Medical Corps. They were divorced in April, 1956.

Olivia married second William Rice Dunaway October 4, 1957, at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, the son of John Alder and Rosa (Shayes) Dunaway. He was born November 25, 1923, at Teheran, Persia, attended the University of Washington, and was a publisher. In September, 1967, Olivia and William were divorced. Her legal name became Olivia Jones. In 1982 she was living in Aspen and Denver, Colorado.

Children (9) JONES

- i. David Griffith, Jr., b. Dec. 31, 1949
- ii. Hilary Evan, b. Feb. 27, 1952

Reference: Olivia Jones, 1207 Elm Street, Denver, CO 80220

DAVID GRIFFITH JONES, JR.⁹, the son of David Griffith and Olivia Lamb (Coan) Jones, was born December 31, 1949, in

Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was educated at Fountain Valley School and the University of Colorado. He was a pilot and resided in 1982 in Aspen, Colorado.

Reference: Olivia Jones

HILARY EVAN JONES⁹, the daughter of David Griffith and Olivia Lamb (Coan) Jones, was born February 27, 1952, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was educated at Simon's Rock and Topeka, Kansas and was a licensed air-craft mechanic. In 1982 she was engaged in Far Eastern Studies and had just returned from a six-week trip to Japan. She resided then in Boulder, Colorado.

Reference: Olivia Jones

PATRICIA WELLES⁸ COAN (Folwell W.⁷, William F., Jr.⁶, William F.⁵, Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹), daughter of Folwell Welles and Olivia Lamb (Carpenter) Coan, was born March 15, 1927, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended Westover Academy and was graduated from Mills College, Oakland, California. On June 11, 1949, she married Fayette Patterson Spencer, who was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1924, the son of DeForest and Cornelia (Patterson) Spencer. Fayette was educated at Blake (Minneapolis), Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Harvard Business School, 1950. He served 1943-1946 in the United States Army and was later associated with Cargill, Inc. He died April 3, 1964, in Minneapolis.

Patricia married second in Minneapolis on December 3, 1965, Edwin Fisher Ringer who was born March 19, 1916, in Minneapolis, the son of Walter Marden and Elinor (Fisher) Ringer. Edwin was educated at Blake (1934), Harvard University (1938), and the University of Minnesota Law School (1941). He served in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1946. He had three children by his first wife Nancy (Darby) Ringer: Ruth Darby, Edwin Fisher, Jr., and Elinor Fisher. He was (1981) chairman of Goodall Manufacturing Corporation in Minneapolis and in 1982 was retired.

Children (9) SPENCER

- i. Nan Carpenter, b. Apr. 12, 1951
- ii. Sarah Patterson, b. Apr. 6, 1953

Reference: Mrs. Edwin F. Ringer, 900 Soo Line Building, Minneapolis, MN 55402

NAN CARPENTER SPENCER⁹, daughter of Fayette Patterson and Patricia Welles (Coan) Spencer, was born April 12, 1951, in

Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended Northrop Collegiate (Minneapolis) and Topeka West High (Kansas). She was graduated from Community College (Denver) where she earned an associate degree in accounting in 1979 and was graduated magna cum laude from Metropolitan State College (Denver) with a B.S. in accounting in 1982. She resided in Denver in 1982.

Reference: Mrs. Edwin F. Ringer

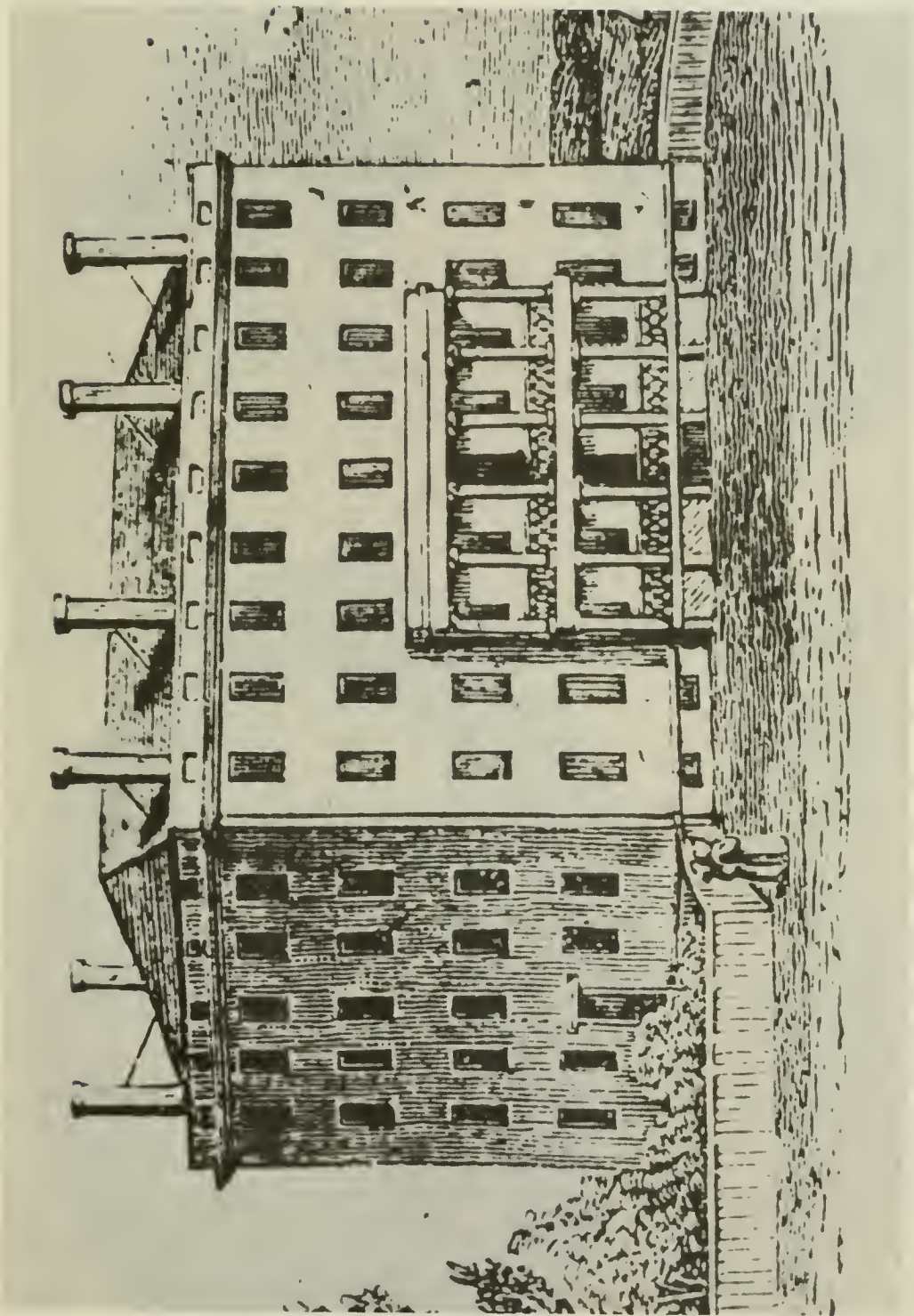
SARAH PATTERSON SPENCER⁹, daughter of Fayette Patterson and Patricia Welles (Coan) Spencer, was born April 6, 1953, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended Northrop Collegiate (Minneapolis), Wykeham Rise (Connecticut) and University of the Pacific (California). She earned a B.A. degree in French and art history at Northwestern University (Illinois) where she was graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1976. On February 2, 1974, she married John Martini in Seattle, Washington. He was born July 21, 1952, in Washington, D.C., the son of Carl H. and Frances (Giske) Martini of Hornby Island, British Columbia, Canada. John was graduated in 1974 from the University of the Pacific (California) with a B.A. in economics. He earned an M.B.A. degree from Northwestern University in 1976. They lived in San Rafael, California. They were divorced in San Francisco, California, in 1981. Sarah lived in San Francisco in 1982.

Reference: Mrs. Edwin F. Ringer

MARTHA DUNGAN⁵ COAN (Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Covert, New York, March 12, 1824, the daughter of Claudius Collins and Sara Maria (Folwell) Coan. She was educated at Mount Holyoke Seminary, now Mount Holyoke College, 1840-1842. If she had returned for her third and final year, she would have received a diploma in the Class of 1843, the sixth class to graduate from that institution.

December 20, 1848, in Ovid, New York, she married Clement Leach, Jr., who was born in Eaton, New York, April 30, 1825, the son of Clement and Laura (Hatch) Leach. In 1845 he was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, with a B.A. degree. He received an M.A. degree from Union also and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Alpha fraternity. From 1845 to 1847 he was teacher-principal at Ovid Academy. In 1846 he read law with Judge John E. Seely at Ovid and entered Harvard Law School in 1847. He was forced to leave because his eyes failed.

Martha and Clement lived on the homestead farm of Martha's grandfather, William Watts Folwell, in Romulus, New York, until November, 1855, when they moved to South Bend, Indiana. In March, 1858, they moved to Galesburg, Illinois, where they lived many years. Clement was a trustee of Knox



Photograph by Jacob Javat of the etching of Mount Holyoke Seminary in 1837 about the time Martha Dungan Coan was in attendance. Courtesy Mount Holyoke College/Archives.

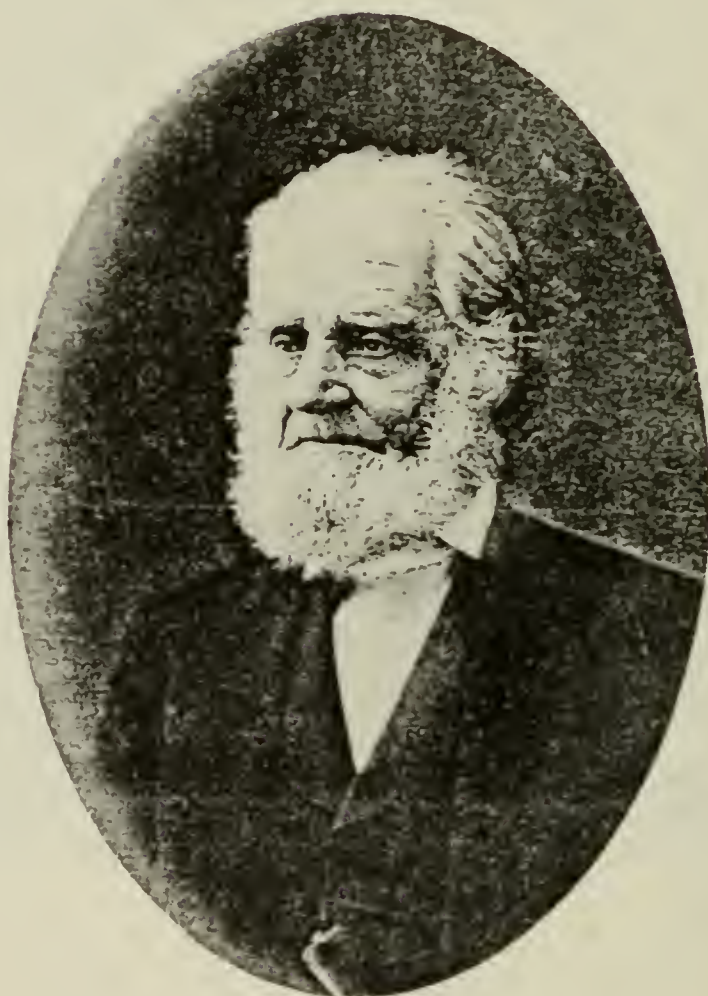


B. B. Wisner

*(top left) Missionary
husband of Helen
Sandford Coan.
Courtesy Presbyterian
Historical Society.*

*(top right) Benjamin
Blydenburg Wisner,
pastor of the Old
South Church, Boston,
1821-1834, and
husband of Sarah
Hall Johnson.*

*Courtesy Hamilton
Andrews Hill, History
of the Old South
Church. (bottom)
Leonard Bacon, Yale
professor and
husband of Lucy
Johnson.*



College in Galesburg. They then moved to Davenport, Iowa, where Clement was a merchant. Finally they moved to Marshall, Michigan.

On December 6, 1881, while on a visit to this father in Galesburg, Clement died and was buried there in Hope Cemetery. Martha died in Marshall, Michigan, December 21, 1889, aged 75. She was buried in Galesburg with Clement.

Children (6) LEACH

i. Child, b. and d. Oct. 19, 1859

Reference: Special Collections. Schaffer Library, Union College, Schenectady, NY 12308

PHOEBE JANE⁵ COAN (Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Lodi, New York, September 8, 1829, the daughter of Claudius Collins and Sara Maria (Folwell) Coan. She was known as Jennie, the compiler of the 1881-1882 Coan Manuscript. She was educated at Ovid Academy and at Canandaigua, New York, Female Seminary. On June 15, 1852, at the Hermitage in Ovid she married Anthony Day Schuyler. Anthony was born May 8, 1831 (?). He attended Ovid Academy, West Point Private School, and studied medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. He died in Marshall, Michigan, April 9, 1886. Jennie died after 1896.

Children (6) SCHUYLER all born in Marshall, Michigan

- i. Helen Antoinette, b. May 20, 1853; d. June 14, 1861
- ii. Sara Ridge, b. Sept. 8, 1856
- iii. Grace, b. Oct. 19, 1859

HELEN SANDFORD⁵ COAN (Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Lodi, New York, January 6, 1833, daughter of Claudius Collins and Sara Maria (Folwell) Coan. She attended Ovid Academy where she met her future husband, John Livingston Nevius, born at Ovid, New York, March 4, 1829, son of Benjamin Hageman and Mary (Denton) Nevius. John was a seventh generation descendant of Johannes Nevius who became "schepen" of New Amsterdam in 1654. After receiving his degree from Union College in 1848, John taught school for a year in Georgia where he experienced his conversion. Returning north, he entered Princeton Theological Seminary; and by the time of his graduation in 1853 he had received appointment from the Presbyterian Board as a missionary to China. He was ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, on May 23; on June 15 in Ovid, New York, Helen and he were married. In September they sailed for China from Boston on the Bombay by way of the Cape of Good Hope. The Bombay

was an East India trader of 800 tons capacity; and the six-month trip was filled with discomfort, storm, and danger. Helen and John's cabin was only 3 1/2 feet by 6 feet with one narrow berth. John slept on the floor on a mattress.

They were assigned to Ningpo where the climate was notoriously difficult. They stayed here about four years. Helen, besides her work among the women and girls, made two very valuable contributions to the missionary effort: first, the catechism she wrote which was used all over the Empire; and second, teaching the children to sing. She herself had a beautiful singing voice. Helen's health failed, and her lovely voice was reduced to a mere whisper. In 1857 she returned to the United States.

Besides being pastor of a church in Ningpo, John started evangelistic work in San-Poh, an inland district to the north. By 1859 Helen was back in China, and she and John were pioneers in a mission station in Hang-chow. Because of political unrest they left and went to Japan for several months. Upon their return they went north and established a mission station in Shantung province.

Here at Shantung John and Helen toiled for more than thirty years. John did a great deal of writing both in English and Chinese. Of lasting benefit to China were John's experiments in raising Western fruits and vegetables in China. His evangelistic work was recognized in 1890 when he was appointed American Chairman of the Second Missionary Conference in Shanghai. In America the "Nevius method" became part of the training of missionary candidates. On October 19, 1893, John's life ended peacefully at his desk in San-lou, the house which he himself had erected on a hill overlooking the Chinese city of Chefoo.

Helen stayed on; and in 1895 her book, The Life of John Livingston Nevius, was published. She had been not only an aide to her husband in his missionary work, but she like him was a scholar too. She learned the Chinese language and in 1856 published the book, A Catechism of Christian Doctrine, in Chinese. She also wrote Our Life in China in 1857.

June 20, 1910, seventeen years after her husband's death, Helen died in Chefoo. Those seventeen years even though she was in poor health, she continued her missionary endeavors. Of her it can be truly said: "She spent her life for the Chinese."

Reference: Dumas Malone, ed. Dictionary of American Biography (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1934), Vol. XIII, p. 293.

Presbyterian Historical Society, 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19142.

SARA ELVIRA⁵ COAN (Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Ovid, New York, May 7, 1837, daughter of Claudius Collins and Sara Maria (Folwell) Coan. She married

Henry Tuthill October 20, 1860, at the Hermitage in Ovid.
Sara died May 12, 1868, aged 31, at Watkins, New York.
Henry died in Penn Yan, New York.

Children (6) TUTHILL

i. Clarence C., b. Watkins, N.Y.

MARY EUPHEMIA⁵ COAN (Claudius C.⁴, Elisha³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Ovid, New York, September 6, 1839, daughter of Claudius Collins and Sara Maria (Folwell) Coan. She lived with her parents until their deaths and then made her home with her sister Elizabeth in Auburn, New York, finally going to live with her relatives, the Beechers. She died in 1914 and was buried in her father's cemetery lot in Ovid.

PHEBE³ COAN (Jacob², Peter¹) was born probably in North Guilford, Connecticut, April 16, 1770, and was baptized in the Second Congregational Church there April 29, 1770. She was the daughter of Jacob and Luranda (Collins) Coan. She moved with her parents in 1771 to the Stockbridge-Lenox, Massachusetts, area and shortly after April, 1794, to Montgomery County, New York. About 1795 she married Caleb Johnson of Johnstown, New York, part then of Montgomery County, now Fulton County. Caleb was one of the original trustees when Johnstown Village was incorporated April 1, 1808. On March 21, 1809, he was authorized to make a seal for the village with the device JVCS. He was probably a silversmith, and no doubt taught his trade to his son George, who was a silversmith, and to Charles Coan, son of Phebe's brother William, who also was a silversmith.

Caleb was appointed an ensign in Lieutenant Colonel Richard Dodge's Regiment, Captain Bildad Mills's Company of Light Infantry in 1807. In 1811 he was appointed a lieutenant and in 1816 a captain in Lt. Colonel Abraham J. Vought's Regiment of Light Infantry. He probably served in the War of 1812, but he did not live long enough to apply for a pension, so his service is difficult to check. He died February 4, 1818, at the age of 44. Phebe was made administratrix of his estate. The inventory showed hardware, gold and silver work, and military goods valued at \$1,675 and tools belonging to the shop valued at \$235. The inventory of Caleb Johnson's estate was taken by "Phebe Johnson, administratrix with the assistance of Ashbel Cornwell and Charles Coan being the two next of kin."

Phebe died November 28, 1849; and both she and Caleb were buried in Colonial Cemetery, Johnstown, New York.

Children (4) JOHNSON

i. Ebenezer, d. single

- ii. Sarah Hall, b. Aug. 14, 1798
- iii. Lucy, b. Mar. 2, 1800
- iv. George A., b. Sept. 2, 1803
- v. Lorain, b. Dec. 12, 1804
- vi. Phebe, b. July 1, 1807; d. Aug. 16, 1807; buried Colonial Cemetery, Johnstown, N.Y.
- vii. Phebe Elizabeth, b. Mar. 20, 1814

Reference: Theodore H. Smith, Evidence That Asa Coan of Adams County, Ohio Was the Son of William Coan, Revolutionary War Soldier, Who Died on Grand Island, Erie County, New York, a manuscript, February 1977, pp. 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.

SARAH HALL JOHNSON⁴, daughter of Caleb and Phebe (Coan) Johnson, was born August 14, 1798, probably in Johnstown, New York. She married Benjamin Blydenburg Wisner October 26, 1820. He was born in Goshen, Orange County, New York, September 29, 1794, the son of Polydore Barnet and Mary (Blydenburg) Wisner. In 1813 he was graduated from Union College; in 1820, from Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1821 he was ordained pastor of the Old South Church in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1828 he was elected a member of the prudential committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; and in 1832 one of its three corresponding secretaries. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Union College in 1828. His publications include History of the Old South Church in 1830. He died February 9, 1835, at Boston and was buried at Andover, Massachusetts. Sarah was living with her sister Phebe Elizabeth Means in Groton, Massachusetts, on August 6, 1850, when the Federal Census was taken.

Children (5) WISNER

- i. Caleb (adopted; son of Sarah's brother George A.), b. July 28, 1827; bpt. and adopted same day, Aug. 9, 1830

Reference: Hamilton Andrews Hill, History of the Old South Church (Third Church) Boston 1669-1884, in two volumes Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1890), Vol. II.
National Cyclopaedia of American Biography (New York: James T. White & Company, 1892), Vol. I, p. 179.
 G. Franklin Wisner, The Wisners In America and Their Kindred (Baltimore, 1918).

LUCY JOHNSON⁴, daughter of Caleb and Phebe (Coan) Johnson, was born probably in Johnstown, New York, March 2, 1800. On July 28, 1825, she married Leonard Bacon, who was born in

Detroit, Michigan, February 19, 1802, the son of the Reverend David and Alice (Parks) Bacon. Leonard was a graduate of Yale, Class of 1820, and of Andover Theological Seminary. He was ordained pastor of the First Church in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1825. In 1842 he received a D.D. degree from Hamilton College, and in 1870 an LL.D. degree from Harvard. He was a member of the Prudential Committee, Corporation of Yale 1839-1846; an editor of The Independent of New York 1848-1860; Professor of American Church History at Yale Theological Seminary; called the "Nestor of Congregationalism"; was editor of Hibbert Journal, Yale Review, American Cyclopedia of Christianity; was the author of The Genesis of New England Churches.

The second son of Leonard and Lucy was Leonard Woolsey (Yale 1850), the father of seven sons and seven daughters. One of his sons was the Reverend Benjamin Wisner Bacon (Yale 1881; D.D. Western Reserve University 1892, University of Breslau 1911, Harvard 1914; Litt. D. Syracuse University 1895, Oxford 1920; LL.D. Illinois College 1904; Professor of New Testament Criticism at Yale 1897-1928).

Lucy died November 28, 1844; and Leonard married second June 16, 1847, Catherine Elizabeth Terry. He died December 24, 1881.

Children (5) BACON

- i. Rebecca Taylor, b. Apr. 28, 1826
- ii. Benjamin Wisner, b. Nov. 25, 1827
- iii. Leonard Woolsey, b. Jan. 1, 1830
- iv. Francis, b. Oct. 6, 1831
- v. Theodore, b. May 5, 1834
- vi. George Blagden, b. May 22, 1836
- vii. Lucy, b. 1841)
per census age
- viii. Edward W., b. 1843)

Reference: Barbour Collection, Vital Records: Bacon Connecticut State Library; Hartford, Conn.

Federal Census, 1880, New Haven, Conn.

Clarence Winthrop Bowen, History of Woodstock Connecticut (Norwood, Mass.: The Plimpton Press, 1930), Vol. Two, pp. 303, 304.

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GEORGE A. JOHNSON, son of Caleb and Phebe (Coan) Johnson, was born probably in Johnstown, New York, September 2, 1803. He married Frances Brooks February 7, 1822. He died about August-September, 1833; Frances died August, 1885.

Children (5) JOHNSON

- i. Caleb, b. July 28, 1827; bpt. Aug. 9, 1830, and adopted same day by Benjamin and Sarah Wisner.

Sarah was George's sister. Caleb married Winifred Zuigley Feb. 7, 1853; one son, Walter Johnson.

- ii. Adeline (or Alida) Georgiana, b. ca. 1832; bpt. June 1, 1834; m. David A. Wells, 1849/50
- iii. Anna (probably a twin), b. ca. 1832
- iv. Possibly at least one more daughter as deduced from will of Frances Johnson of Johnstown, N.Y. probated Aug. 19, 1885, Fulton County, N.Y.

Reference: Smith, Asa Coan, p. 9.

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LORAIN JOHNSON, daughter of Caleb and Phebe (Coan) Johnson, was born in Johnstown, New York, December 12, 1804. She married George L. Spencer, and they lived in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York, in the census of 1850. No children were listed.

(Note: Her name was spelled Lorraine in the census.)

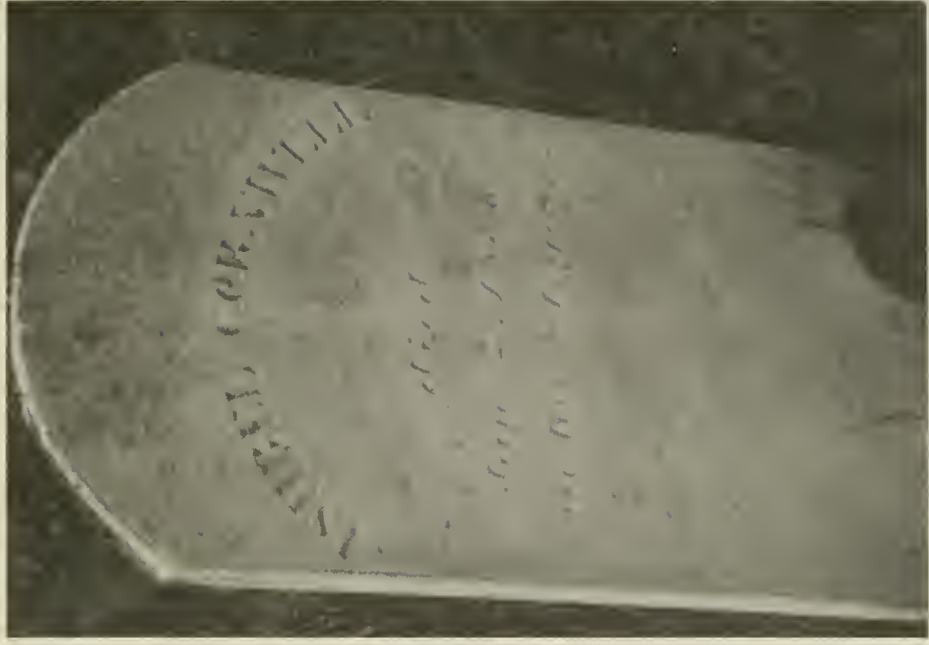
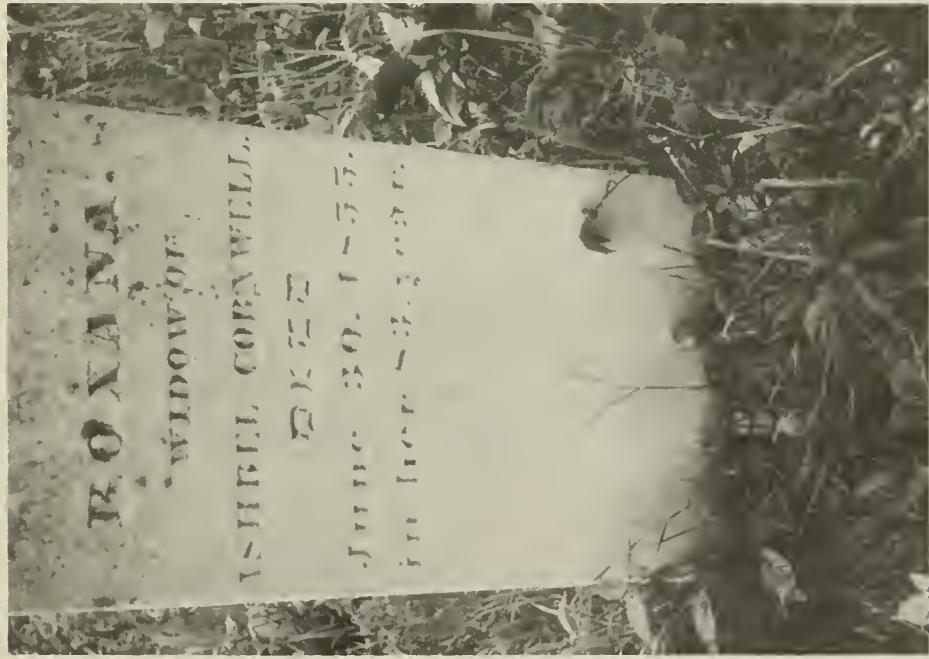
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PHEBE ELIZABETH JOHNSON, daughter of Caleb and Phebe (Coan) Johnson, was born March 20, 1814, in Johnstown, New York. She married James Means, who was a teacher, and in 1850 they lived in Groton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Phebe's sister, Sarah Hall (Johnson) Wisner, lived with them at that time.

Children (5) MEANS

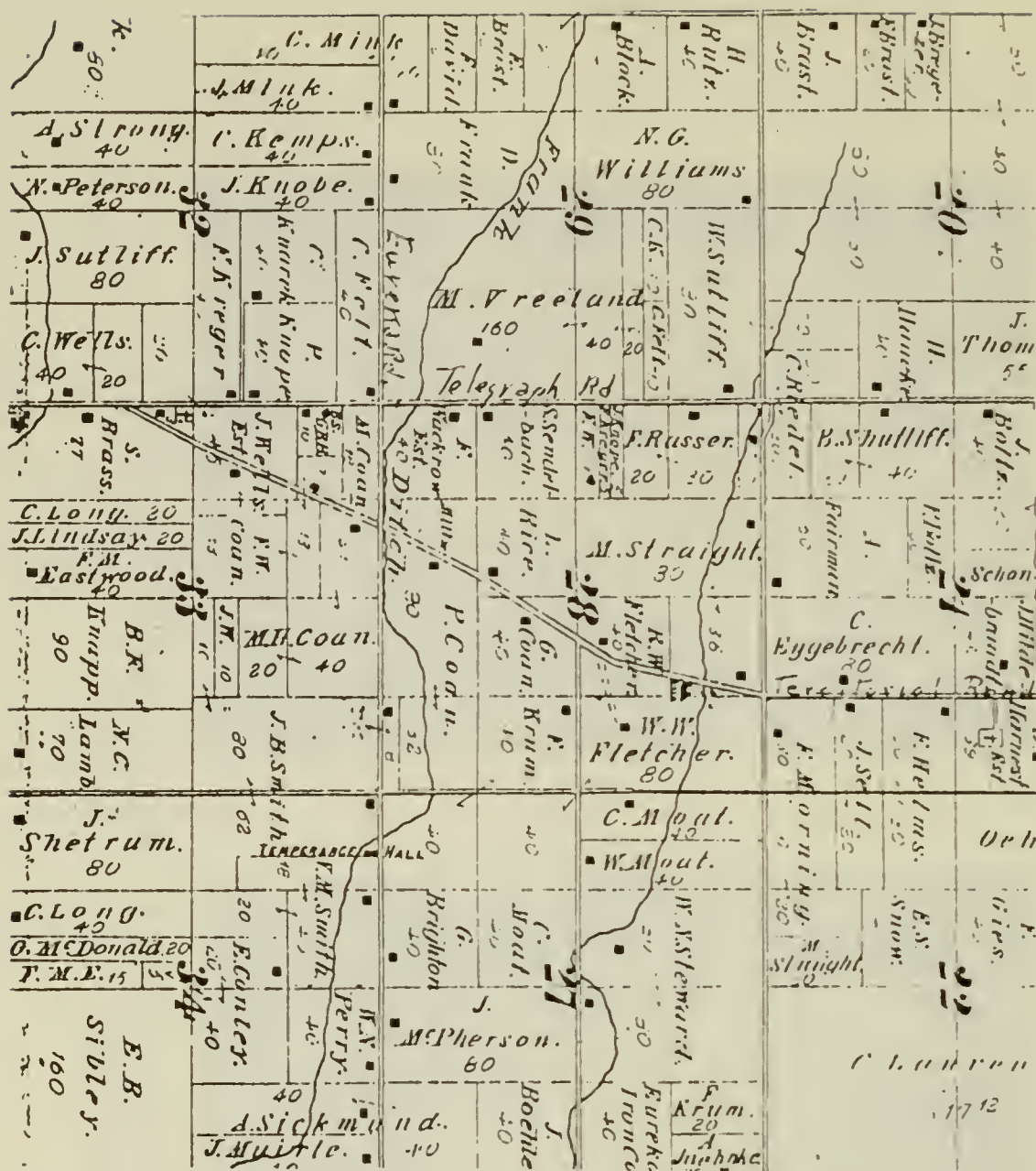
- i. Catherine A., b. ca. 1842)
- ii. Elizabeth B., b. ca. 1845) from census ages
- iii. David, b. ca. 1847)
- iv. Emily A., b. Feb. 1850)

Reference: Census of 1850, Groton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

³ ROXANA ² COAN (Jacob ¹, Peter ¹) was born probably in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, November 28, 1772, the daughter of Jacob and Luranda (Collins) Coan. She was baptized in the Congregational Church in Lenox March 26, 1773. In 1771 Jacob moved to the northeast part of Stockbridge, which was very close to the town of Lenox. Roxana moved west to Montgomery County, New York, with her parents shortly after April, 1794. On November 18, 1799, in Johnstown, New York, then in Montgomery County; now in Fulton County, she married as his third wife, Ashbel Cornwell of Mayfield, also then in Mont-



*Gravestones of Roxana Coan Cornwell and her husband Ashbel, Vail Mills, N. Y.
Courtesy Theodore H. Smith.*



Part of Taylor Township, Wayne County, Michigan, 1876, showing Coan property. Scale: 2 inches to the mile. Courtesy Illustrated Historical Atlas of Wayne County, Michigan 1876.

gomery County. Roxana died in the town of Broadalbin, Fulton County, New York, June 30, 1855 in her 83rd year; Ashbel died January 2, 1835 in his 81st year. They were both buried in the cemetery in Vail Mills at the edge of the town of Mayfield, next to Broadalbin.

Ashbel Cornwell served as a drum major in the Connecticut forces in the American Revolution and as a captain of militia in the New York forces in the War of 1812. He was the son of Cornelius Cornwell.

Ashbel had seven children by his first wife, but none by the others.

Reference: National Archives, Pension Application W-27665 and BLWT 15792.

Edward Cornwall, M.D. William Cornwall and His Descendants (New Haven, Conn., 1901), pp. 62, 63.

Smith, Asa Coan, pp. 3, 4

COMMENT ON AUGUSTUS³ COAN
by
RUTH COAN FULTON

Augustus Coan, who settled in Taylor, Michigan, in the 1820s, has for many years been considered by the Michigan Coans and others to be the son of Jacob Coan, Peter's eldest son. I personally feel that he probably was Jacob's son. However, I must present evidence to the contrary which I very recently found.

In the 1880 Federal Census of Michigan, Wayne County, Taylor Township, Augustus's three sons--Peter D., Elisha W., and Marlin H. H.--were listed with their families. In answer to the census question, "Where was your mother born?", Peter D. said, "New York"; Elisha W. and Marlin H. H. both said, "Massachusetts." From these answers it would appear that Augustus was married twice.

In answer to the question, "Where was your father born?", Peter D. said, "Germany"; Elisha W. said, "Swiholm," and Marlin H. H. said, "Swisholin." The writing in the census record was not too clear, but the two spellings were what the answers looked like to me. Where were Swiholm and Swisholin? There were no such places in any of the many atlases I consulted, both old and new. Swiholm and Swisholin, of course, must be one and the same area and could be a place in Germany. If Augustus of Taylor, Michigan, was born in Germany, he could not be the son of Jacob².

According to a record George M.⁷ Coan of Taylor found in the City Hall there, Augustus died in Taylor Township October 2, 1849. This record agreed with the date on Augustus's tombstone, which Peter Gaylord⁷ Coan of Grosse Ile, Michigan, photographed in Golden Ridge Cemetery, Taylor, in

November, 1982. (See photo in this chapter.) According to the gravestone, Augustus was 75 years old when he died.

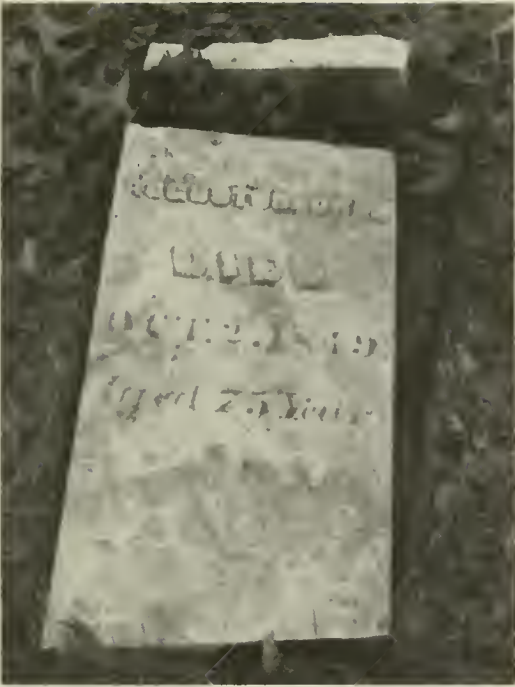
Augustus, Peter, Elisha, and Marlin all died in Taylor, so I tried to get their death certificates. The only one I was able to obtain was for Peter D. I quote the following from this certificate:

Name of Father	Augustus
Residence of Father	Germany
Name of Mother	Hilda
Residence of Mother	Germany

The word Residence, I judge, must be interpreted Birthplace. His mother's birthplace obviously did not agree with his mother's birthplace in the census record.

In the light of the evidence presented in these two records, is it possible that Augustus of Taylor might still be Augustus, son of Jacob²? Some whom I consulted said Peter's death certificate made Augustus of Taylor almost certainly from an entirely different line. I, however, am not convinced he was not Jacob²'s son for the following reasons:

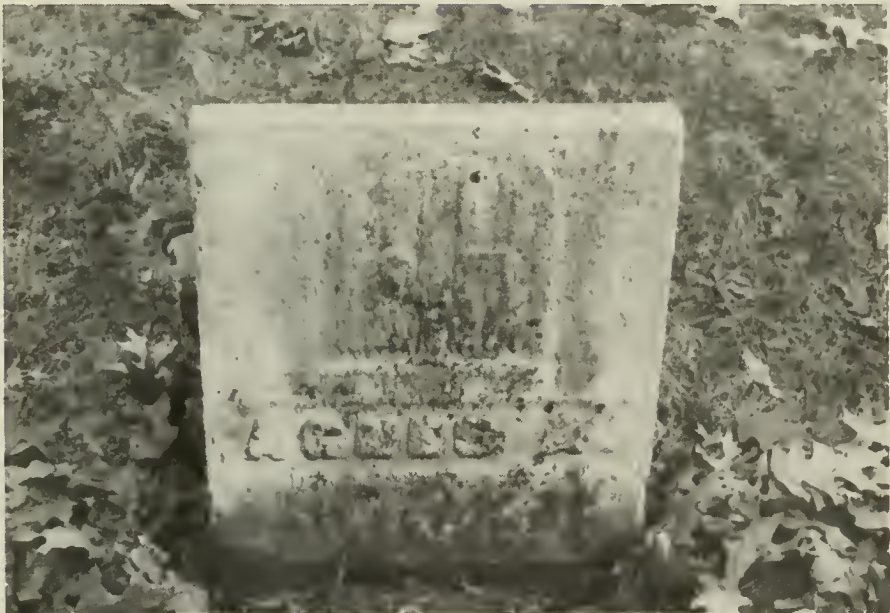
1. Augustus of Taylor was probably born in 1774, according to his gravestone. In Jacob²'s Bible record, his son Augustus³ was born October 1, 1775. Jacob could have been off a year as he apparently was in the birthdate of his youngest child Fanny (Hannah) who, he said, was born September 18, 1781. According to Theodore H. Smith⁷, the records of the Congregational Church of Lenox, Massachusetts, say that Fanny was baptized April 29, 1781.
The tombstone "75 years" could have been off by a year also; but these dates were so close, they indicate to me that Augustus of Taylor and Augustus³, son of Jacob², were one and the same.
2. The name Coan, as has already been discussed, was not a German name. How come then that Augustus of Taylor arrived from Germany with the name Coan? If he arrived with some similar name, why did he happen to change that name to Coan?
3. Why would all three sons indicate a German birthplace for their father if he really was born in America? Possibly they did not know where he was born, but said they had heard that the family originally came from Germany. The census taker then put down Germany or Swiholm, or Swisholin, names given him as point of origin for the Coan family by Peter, Elisha, and Marlin. Whoever filled out Peter's death certificate, one of his children probably, recorded what he, or she, had heard, and got the place of birth of Hilda wrong even at that.
4. Coan was not a common name; and Augustus Coan was far from common. It would have been a real coinci-



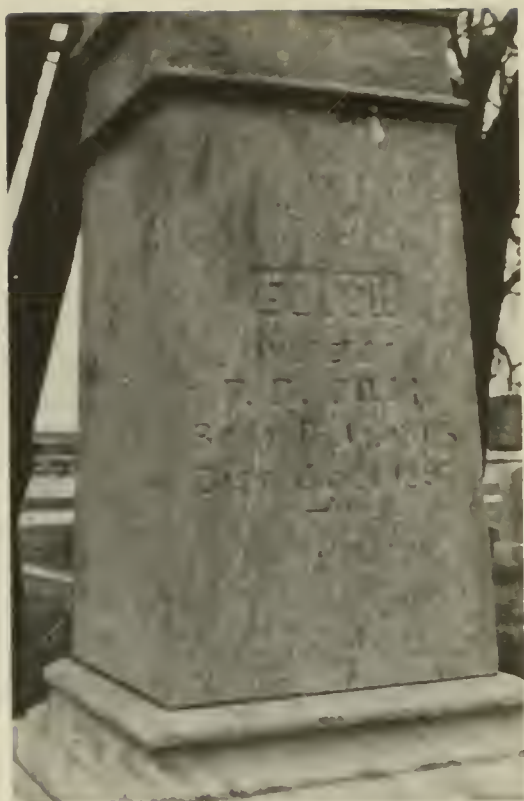
"Augustus Coan died Oct. 2, 1849, aged 75 years" In Golden Ridge Cemetery, Taylor, Michigan, Courtesy Peter Gaylord Coan.



Gravestone of Peter D. Coan — West Mound Cemetery, Taylor, Michigan. Courtesy Peter Gaylord Coan.



"Agnes A." — broken stone next to that of Augustus. Courtesy Peter Gaylord Coan.



(top left) Inscription for Peter's wife: "Edith, wife of P.D. Coan born Oct. 1, 1808; died January 1, 1892." (top right) "Elisha W. Coan born Sep. 13, 1816; died Jul. 19, 1886" — (bottom) "Marlin H. H. Coan died June 1, 1887 aged 63 yrs. 4 mos. & 2 dys." West Mound Cemetery, Taylor, Michigan, Photos courtesy Peter Gaylord Coan.



- dence if two men of identical ages both had that uncommon name, came from completely different families, and one was born in Germany, the other in America.
5. Augustus of Taylor named his sons Peter, Edmond, Elisha, and Marlin. Two of those names--Peter and Elisha--were used many times by Peter's descendants. Peter was Augustus³'s grandfather; Elisha was his brother.
 6. In P. William Filby's Passenger Immigration Lists Index (Detroit: Gale Research Company, 1981), a multi-volume encyclopedia of nearly 500,000 immigrants to America, there was no mention of any Coan arriving in this country between 1774 and 1804, the period when Augustus of Taylor would have arrived. This index, of course, is not all inclusive--no such index ever is--but it is one more reason that Augustus³ might be Augustus of Taylor.

How then will we ever really know if Augustus of Taylor was Augustus³? Unless further records are found on one or both men, assuming they were not one and the same, we never really will. However, I don't think that all the similarities are just--as Frank Speer Coan would say "Coan-cidence"; and until more documentation is found, I will continue to believe that Augustus of Taylor probably was Augustus³, son of Jacob², and am including his line as descended from Peter. I feel that I would be remiss, though, if I did not report the conflicting evidence which I found.

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AUGUSTUS COAN (Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Lenox, Massachusetts, October 1, 1775, the son of Jacob and Luranda (Collins) Coan. He was their youngest son. When he was about a year and a half old, his two brothers, Elisha and William, enlisted in the colonial forces in the Revolution. Augustus attended a private school in Lenox owned by Major Azariah Egleston, the man to whom in 1794 Jacob sold the property he purchased in Stockbridge in 1784, and in Lenox in 1788. It is believed that soon after Jacob sold this property, he moved his family (which then consisted of his wife Luranda, Augustus, and at least two daughters, Phebe and Roxana) to Montgomery County, New York, to be near his son William who had been living there since at least 1785 (Smith, Asa⁴Coan, p. 4).

According to his son Peter's death certificate, Augustus married Hilda _____. He probably had a second wife since in the 1880 census Augustus's sons, Marlin and Elisha, both said their mother was born in Massachusetts, whereas Peter, Augustus's oldest son, said his mother was born in New York. In Golden Ridge Cemetery in Taylor, Michigan, next to Augustus's gravestone there was a broken stone marked Agnes A. Could this Agnes A. have been Augustus's second

wife? In order to try to identify this Agnes A. further, Peter Gaylord⁷ Coan of Grosse Ile, Michigan, went to the Golden Ridge Cemetery and dug down to the bottom of the broken slab, cleaned it, and was able to decipher one more word --Stewart or Steward. (See photo in this chapter.) This discovery would seem to negate the possibility that Agnes A. was the second wife of Augustus. She was probably a relative of Marlin Hiram Hazzard Coan's wife, Rachel Rebecca Steward.

Sometime before 1810, Augustus began to move west. In the 1810 Federal Census for Pennsylvania, Erie County, no town or township given, an Augustus Coan was listed as head of the family with 3 males under 10, 1 male 26 and under 45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 16 to 26, 1 female 26 to 45. By 1816 Augustus was in Ohio, since his son Elisha was born in Ohio in 1816. Augustus moved again--maybe to Canada--and then to Taylor Township, Michigan, where his son Marlin Hiram Hazzard was born in 1824. According to "Church News," The Mellus Newspaper, Taylor, Michigan, February 24, 1982, p. 5-C, Augustus "was the first settler in what is now the city of Taylor." However, the following was taken from a newspaper clipping (no source given) in the collection of Mrs. Norman A. Coan:

The honor of being the first settler is given by N. B. Steward, in his history of Wayne County, to the brothers Peter and Edmund Coan. Peter bought 80 acres from the government in 1830, and built a house February, 1832. Soon his father Augustus came here. A veteran of the War of 1812, his life would make an interesting chapter.

The first account seems more likely since Augustus's son Marlin was born in Taylor Township in 1824; therefore, Augustus had settled in Taylor by then, and was indeed Taylor's first settler. In 1835 Augustus purchased 100 acres in Taylor Township; so although he may have lived there from 1824 on, he did not actually own property until much later. Eventually his three sons owned 640 acres.

Augustus's land was on Territorial Road, an important link between Flat Rock and Dearbornville, the site of the federal arsenal. In 1960 Mrs. Nellie (Coan) Cooper, a great granddaughter of Augustus was living on the original property owned by the Coans for nearly 125 years. The Michigan Historical Commission of the Detroit Edison Company with a large marker designated the tract a "centennial farm." Mrs. Cooper's address was 15250 Pardee Road. The original Coan homestead, a log cabin, was built on the site of Mrs. Cooper's present home. It was later replaced by a farmhouse which was destroyed by fire in the early 1900s. The present house was built a short time later (Newspaper clipping [no source given] in collection of George M. Coan, Taylor, Michigan).

As for Augustus's being in the War of 1812, that bit of



*Coan Centennial Farm — marker indicates property in same family for 125 years in 1960.
Courtesy George M. Coan*



*Susan Galloway Coan and George Peter Coan with their team of horses.
Courtesy George M. Coan*



*George Milton Coan and Edith
Bosley Coan*



Wilson Elmer Coan

factual data was probably not true. Theodore H. Smith⁷ had the National Archives search for War of 1812 service, pension, and bounty land warrant for Augustus; and they found nothing.

Augustus died October 2, 1849, in Taylor Township, Michigan, and was buried there in Golden Ridge Cemetery.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Peter D., b. Feb., 1804
- ii. Edmund
- iii. Elisha W., b. Sept. 12, 1816
- iv. Marlin Hiram Hazzard, b. Jan., 1824

PETER D.⁴ COAN (Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in New York state February, 1804, the son of Augustus Coan. According to N. B. Steward in his history of Wayne County, Peter was the original settler of Telreka, a part of Taylor Township. In this land of swamps and forests he bought 80 acres of land from the government in 1830, and with the help of his brother Edmund built a home in 1832. He married Edith _____, who was born October 1, 1808. Peter died November 3, 1886, aged 82 years, 8 months, 29 days; Edith, January 1, 1892. They were both buried in West Mound Cemetery in Taylor.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Olive, b. ca. 1832
- ii. Rebekah, b. ca. 1835
- iii. Miranda, b. ca. 1842
- iv. George Peter, b. 1845
- v. Edith, b. ca. 1848

Reference: Federal Census, 1850, Michigan, Wayne County, Taylor

George M. Coan, 22048 Eureka Road, Taylor, MI 48180

Gravestone photographs by Peter Gaylord Coan

GEORGE PETER⁵ COAN (Peter D.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, in 1845, the son of Peter D. and Edith Coan. He married Susan Galloway who was born in Scotland in 1846, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Galloway. Susan was the first member of the Taylor Methodist Church in 1876 when it met in the Grange hall. George was a trustee in 1882. He died in 1924 in Taylor in the same house, the same room in which he was born. Susan died in Taylor in 1927. They were buried in West Mound Cemetery there.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Gertrude B., b. ca. 1870
- ii. Milton Howard, b. 1873
- iii. Son, died young

Reference: George M. Coan

GERTRUDE B. ⁶ COAN (George P. ⁵, Peter D. ⁴, Augustus ³, Jacob ², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, about 1870, the daughter of George Peter and Susan (Galloway) Coan. She married Edward Townsend.

Children (7) TOWNSEND

- i. George
- ii. Byron, 3 children: a son who died at an early age, Gertrude, Grace
- iii. Milton, lived in St. Louis, Michigan, summers and in Texas winters

Reference: George M. Coan

MILTON HOWARD ⁶ COAN (George P. ⁵, Peter D. ⁴, Augustus ³, Jacob ², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan in 1873, the son of George Peter and Susan (Galloway) Coan. He married first Eliza A. _____, who died August 19, 1895 (?), aged 20 years, and was buried in the Peter D. Coan lot in West Mound Cemetery in Taylor. Milton married second Wilmina (Mina) Shetrum, who was born November 23, 1874. For many years she played the organ at her church. Milton picked up milk along Eureka Road from 1899 until 1919 taking it to Johnson's Creamery. He used a team of horses and wagon to make the trip to Wyandotte. Both Mina and Milton died in 1958 and were buried in West Mound Cemetery, Taylor.

Children (7) COAN

- i. George Milton, b. July 24, 1911
- ii. Edith Elizabeth, b. July 9, 1914
- iii. Wilson Elmer, b. Aug. 29, 1916

Reference: George M. Coan

GEORGE MILTON ⁷ COAN (Milton H. ⁶, George P. ⁵, Peter D. ⁴, Augustus ³, Jacob ², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, July 24, 1911, the son of Milton Howard and Wilmina (Shetrum) Coan. November 7, 1945, in Los Angeles, California, he married Edith Bosley, who was born in Ohio November 22, 1914, the daughter of John and Alta Bosley. George worked for

Pennwalt Chemical Company for many years; and after his retirement he worked part time as manager-treasurer of the Credit Union in Taylor. Both George and Edith were very active in the West Mound Methodist Church, the church of his parents and grandparents.

In 1982 they were living on property that was part of the original acreage purchased by Peter D. Coan in 1830. The original home was destroyed about 1968, and a shopping center built on the property. In 1960 the Michigan Historical Commission of the Detroit Edison Company erected a marker designating this property a centennial farm owned by the same family for over 100 years. George also held a certificate from the Michigan Genealogical Council awarded to him as a descendant of Peter D. Coan who settled in Michigan in 1876 or before.

Reference: George M. Coan

EDITH ELIZABETH⁷ COAN (Milton H.⁶, George P.⁵, Peter D.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, July 9, 1914, the daughter of Milton Howard and Wilmina (Shetrum) Coan. She married in Taylor, Thomas Thomson. He worked for Ford Motor Company, and in 1982 they lived in Brooklyn, Michigan.

Children (8) THOMSON

- i. Robert
- ii. Jeanette
- iii. Shirley
- iv. Joann

Reference: George M. Coan

WILSON ELMER⁷ COAN (Milton H.⁶, George P.⁵, Peter D.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, August 29, 1916, the son of Milton Howard and Wilmina (Shetrum) Coan. Wilson married Ann Foile. During World War II he served in the Air Force in North Africa. After the war he was a farmer on the original family place in Taylor. In 1982 he was retired, and he and Ann lived in Illinois summers where he helped Ann's relatives on their farm. Winters they lived in Marathon Shore on the Florida keys. They had no children.

Reference: George M. Coan

EDMUND⁴ COAN (Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was the son of Augustus Coan. He married Sybil Hayden and along with his brother Peter was credited by N. R. Steward in his history of

Wayne County as being the first settler of Telreka, a part of Taylor Township. He moved to Brownstone Township, which bordered Taylor on the south. He died a young man, and Sybil married second William Sanford. Their marriage was the first one to be performed in Telreka. They were married by Elias Patte, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Hayden, moved west

Reference: Newspaper clipping (no source given) in collection of Mrs. Norman A. Coan.

⁴ ELISHA W. ³ COAN (² Augustus, ¹ Jacob, Peter) was born September 12, 1816, the son of Augustus Coan. He married Sophronia Howe from Calhoun County, Michigan. She was born in 1818 and died in 1905. Elisha died July 19, 1886.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Anna, b. ca. 1840
- ii. Elma A., b. Sept. 3, 1842; d. June 9, 1843
- iii. Alice M., b. ca. 1845
- iv. Attila, (a son), b. ca. 1848
- v. Eva, b. Nov. 14, 1854
- vi. Amos Augustus, Mar. 3, 1859
- vii. Charles, b. ca. 1864
- viii. Lewis, b. ca. 1866

Reference: Federal Censuses, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, Michigan, Wayne County, Taylor.

Gravestone photograph by Peter Gaylord Coan.

Mrs. Harry Lowe to Mrs. Glenn Long Coan, March 6, 1967

⁵ EVA ⁴ COAN (³ Elisha W., ² Augustus, ¹ Jacob, Peter) was born November 14, 1854, the daughter of Elisha W. and Sophronia (Howe) Coan. April 23, 1873, she married the Reverend Owen Jones Roberts who was born in New York City December, 1848, the son of Daniel H. and Jane Roberts; and died January 25 (5), 1927, in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Eva died March 3, 1942, aged 87, in Ypsilanti, also.

Children (6) ROBERTS

- i. Ellis Everett, b. June (Feb.) 14, 1874
- ii. Clarence, m. Winifred French--2 children: Douglas and Alice

NOTE: Other records say Eva was born 1849-50 and died 1933-34, aged 83.



(top left) Eva Coan Roberts, seated, with her two sons, Ellis Everett Roberts beside her and Clarence Owen Roberts, standing, with Gladys Roberts, left, and Ida Roberts. (top right) Four Generations. Mary Alice Roberts seated beside her great grandmother, Eva Coan Roberts, Mary Alice's father, Owen French Roberts standing at left beside her grandfather, Ellis Everett Roberts. (left) Amos Augustus Coan, his sister, Eva Coan Roberts and her husband, the Reverend Owen Jones Roberts. Eva was so tiny at birth she lived in a cotton lined cigar box. Courtesy of Mrs. Owen F. Roberts.

ELLIS EVERETT ROBERTS⁶ was born June (February) 14, 1874, the son of Owen Jones and Eva (Coan) Roberts. He married Mira French December, 1899, in Flushing, Michigan. He died June 13, 1932.

Children (7) ROBERTS

- i. Marjorie R., b. Sept. 5, 1900; m. _____ Johnson
- ii. Owen F., b. Aug. 10, 1904
- iii. George E., b. Dec. 18, 1917

OWEN F. ROBERTS⁷ was born August 10, 1904, the son of Ellis Everett and Mira (French) Roberts. He married Alma Seebohar, in Chicago.

Children (8) ROBERTS

- i. Mary Alice, b. Aug. 24, 1928; m. _____ Doonan
Sept. 15, 1951, Homewood, Ill.; children: Lisa
Ann, b. June 30, 1952, Indian Gap, Pa.; Thomas
Allen, b. Jan. 31, 1957, Birkenfeldt, Germany
- ii. Owen Jones, b. July 22, 1930, Evergreen Park,
Ill.; m. Margaret Akers, Huntington, W. Va.,
Mar. 12, 1960; children: Daniel Owen, b. Nov.
1960; Joan Ellen, b. Oct. 1963

AMOS AUGUSTUS⁵ COAN (Elisha W.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born March 3, 1859, the son of Elisha and Sophronia (Howe) Coan. He married Mary M. Ketchesan, who was born in Canada August 7, 1862. Amos was a strapping six-footer who weighed over 200 pounds. He lost his left arm in a sawmill accident when the saw broke loose killing one man and cutting off Amos's arm below the elbow. He waited in pain until a physician arrived from Wyandotte to cut off the remainder of his mangled arm. Mary died in 1920; Amos died September 9, 1933.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Clifford Augustus, b. Apr. 22, 1879
- ii. Ina Bernice, Dec. 11, 1880; d. Oct. 1, 1888,
aged 7 years, 9 mos. & 21 days
- iii. Alice Ethel, b. Mar. 27, 1883
- iv. Nellie May, b. May 1, 1886
- v. Ida Mattie, b. Dec. 13, 1889
- vi. Mary Altha, b. May 8, 1898
- vii. Beatrice, b. and d. at birth
- viii. Amos Lloyd, b. Feb. 16, 1902; d. Jan. 7, 1919

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan
Newspaper clipping (no source given) George M.
Coan Collection.

CLIFFORD AUGUSTUS⁶ COAN (Amos A.⁵, Elisha W.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, April 22, 1879 the son of Amos Augustus and Mary (Ketchesan) Coan. He married Jessie Poet, who was born September 7, 1881, in Romulus, Michigan, and died in 1974. Clifford died December 25, 1957, in Trenton, Michigan. They were buried in West Mound Cemetery, Taylor. They had no children.

Reference: George M. Coan

ALICE ETHEL⁶ COAN (Amos A.⁵, Elisha W.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan in 1883, the daughter of Amos Augustus and Mary (Ketchesan) Coan. She married John Baker, who was born October 24, 1887, and died in 1977. Alice died December 4, 1953. They were buried in West Mound Cemetery, Taylor. They had no children.

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan
George M. Coan

NELLIE MAY⁶ COAN (Amos A.⁵, Elisha W.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, March 27, 1886, the daughter of Amos Augustus and Mary (Ketchesan) Coan. She lived on the original property purchased by her great grandfather, Augustus. She married first Charles Chaney, who was born March 28, 1879, and died January 1, 1950. She married second Arthur R. Cooper, who died in 1954. Although she had no children of her own, she brought up her niece, Dolores, who later married Charles Yates. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the West Mound Methodist Church. The last seven and a half years of her life she lived at Pine Knoll Convalescent Center in Taylor. She died February 18, 1982, aged 95. Her funeral services were conducted at her church.

Reference: "Church News," Mellus Newspapers, Taylor, Michigan, February 24, 1982, p. 5e.
Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan.

IDA MATTIE⁶ COAN (Amos A.⁵, Elisha W.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, December 13, 1889, the daughter of Amos Augustus and Mary (Ketchesan) Coan. She married William Baxter, who was born in 1883 and died December 18, 1949. Ida died in 1961. They were both buried in West Mound Cemetery, Taylor. They had no children.

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan
George M. Coan



West Mound Methodist Church, Taylor, Michigan. Land for the church given by Marlin H. H. and Rachel Coan.



*(top left) "Rachel R. Coan 1824-1906" wife of Marlin H. H. Coan.
(top right) Gravestone of Marlin A. and Ella E. Coan, West Mound Cemetery. (bottom) Gravestone of Marlin Hazzard Coan, Cemetery, Taylor, Michigan. Courtesy Peter Gaylord Coan.*



MARY ALTHA⁶ COAN (Amos A.⁵, Elisha W.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Taylor, Michigan, May 8, 1898, the daughter of Amos Augustus and Mary (Ketchesan) Coan. She married Harry Lowe, who was born August 26, 1889, and died December 6, 1953. Mary lived in Taylor in 1982.

Children (7) LOWE

- i. Altha Audrey, b. July 9, 1917
- ii. Barbara Mary, b. Mar. 14, 1922
- iii. Iris Ardella, b. July 8, 1928
- iv. William Amos, b. Jan. 13, 1933

Reference: "Church News," Mellus Newspapers, p. 5C
Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan.
George M. Coan

ALTHA AUDREY LOWE⁷, daughter of Harry and Mary Altha (Coan) Lowe, was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, July 9, 1917. She married Ira Dittmar. They were divorced, and she married second Louis De Long, who was born March 3, 1911.

Children (8) DITTMAR

- i. Ronald Lewis, b. Sept. 22, 1935, Wyandotte, Mich.; m. Frances Marie Smith, b. in Germany Sept. 20, 1937; one daughter, Reneta Lynn, b. Oct. 26, 1963
- ii. Dolores Elaine, b. Jan. 26, 1937, Wyandotte, Mich.; m. Charles Yates; two children: Charles Leroy, b. Feb. 12, 1957; Elaine Marie, b. Dec. 11, 1959
- iii. Patricia Mary, b. Sept. 10, 1941, Wyandotte, Mich.; m. Edward Jennings, b. Apr. 7, 1935; one daughter, Kathleen Marie, b. Oct. 6, 1962

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan

BARBARA MARY LOWE⁷, daughter of Harry and Mary Altha (Coan) Lowe, was born March 14, 1922, in Taylor, Michigan. She married Woodrow Strother, who was born December 13, 1914, in Missouri.

Children (8) STROTHER

- i. James Lee, b. Nov. 20, 1948, Trenton, Mich.
- ii. Ray Lance, b. Apr. 12, 1953, Trenton, Mich.
- iii. Gary David, b. Dec. 11, 1959, Trenton, Mich.

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan

IRIS ARDELLA LOWE⁷, daughter of Harry and Mary Altha (Coan) Lowe, was born July 8, 1928, in Taylor, Michigan. She married James Johnson, who was born January 16, 1927.

Children (8) JOHNSON

- i. Clifford Hilton, b. June 10, 1949
- ii. Glenn Fredric, b. May 9, 1952

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan

MARLIN HIRAM HAZZARD⁴ COAN (Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in January, 1824, in Tayler Township, Wayne County, Michigan, the son of Augustus Coan. He married Rachel Rebecca Steward who was born in 1824. In 1882 Marlin and Rachel gave land for the original Methodist church and the old part of the cemetery. Marlin died June 1, 1887, aged 63 years, 4 months, 2 days, in 1906. They were both buried in West Mound Cemetery, Taylor.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Salina A., b. ca. 1844; a teacher
- ii. Rachel, b. ca. 1845
- iii. Marlin Augustus, b. June 8, 1848
- iv. Emily, b. ca. 1852
- v. Cecelia, b. ca. 1853
- vi. Lavina, b. ca. 1856
- vii. Mary, b. ca. 1858
- viii. Huldah L., b. ca. 1862

Reference: Federal Censuses of 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, Michigan, Wayne County, Taylor
Gravestone photos by Peter Gaylord Coan
George M. Coan

MARLIN AUGUSTUS⁵ COAN (Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born June 8, 1848, in Taylor Township, Wayne County, Michigan, the son of Marlin Hiram Hazzard and Rebecca (Steward) Coan. He was a farmer and married Ella Edwina Long, daughter of Charles Everett Long. She was born November 18, 1852, in Wayne County, Michigan, and died November 24, 1912, in Wyandotte, Michigan. Marlin died in Wyandotte November 18, 1921.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Marlin Hazzard, b. Sept. 25, 1873
- ii. Charles Augustus, b. 1876
- iii. Norman Everett, b. May 22, 1879
- iv. Glenn Long, b. Jan. 1, 1891



Alexander MacLeod Coan



Nellie May Coan Cooper



*Norman Everett Coan.
Courtesy Mrs. Norman
Allison Coan.*



Norman Allison Coan



*(top) Norman Everett Coan;
Norman Allison Coan; William
Davis, husband of Genevieve
Rathbun Coan; Alexander
MacLeod Coan. Courtesy of
Mrs. Norman Allison Coan.
(bottom) Darlene Hogue Coan
and Norman Allison Coan.*



Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan
Gravestone photographs by Peter Gaylord Coan

MARLIN HAZZARD⁶ COAN (Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born September 25, 1873, in Taylor Township, Wayne County, Michigan, the son of Marlin Augustus and Ella (Long) Coan. He married first Eva Vogt, who was born in 1872 and died in 1952. They were divorced. He married second Maude Jennings. He was a physician and practiced in Brighton, Union City, and finally in Wyandotte, Michigan. He died March 11, 1929, in Wyandotte.

Children (7) COAN by Eva

- i. Marlin
- ii. Marian; m. _____ Purdy

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan
Gravestone photograph by Peter Gaylord Coan

CHARLES AUGUSTUS⁶ COAN (Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in 1876 in Taylor Township, Wayne County, Michigan, the son of Marlin Augustus and Ella (Long) Coan. He became a chemist and married Sybil Rose. He contracted tuberculosis from Sybil. They lived in Colorado, on a farm in Minnesota, and in Arizona. Charles was a member of the Masons. He died in 1944 in Tucson. They had no children.

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan.

NORMAN EVERETT⁶ COAN (Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born May 22, 1879, Taylor Township, Wayne County, Michigan, the son of Marlin Augustus and Ella (Long) Coan. He received a B.S. degree in accounting from Alma College, Alma, Michigan. In June, 1901, in Wyoming, Ohio, he married Mabel Allison MacLeod, who was born August 2, 1874, in New York City. She received a degree in music from Alma College.

Norman was chief accountant for Wyandotte Chemical Company. Besides her duties as a housewife, Mabel found time to write. Norman's hobbies were bowling and fishing. He also was interested in the Coan family history and knew many stories about his ancestors. The sad part was they were never recorded. Norman died August 15, 1931, in Wyandotte, Michigan; Mabel died September 8, 1961, in Detroit.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Alexander MacLeod, b. Oct. 23 (22), 1903

- ii. Norman Allison, b. Mar. 13, 1905
- iii. Genevieve Rathbun, b. May 2, 1907
- iv. Olive Elizabeth, b. 1909; d. at 6 months

Reference: Genealogical notes of Mrs. Glenn Long Coan
 Mrs. Norman A. Coan, 2310 SE 149th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98664

ALEXANDER MacLEOD⁷ COAN (Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born October 23 (22), 1903, the son of Norman Everett and Mabel (MacLeod) Coan. He married Dorothy Sellers of Mt. Morris, Michigan. She was born April 11, 1906. Alexander died in 1979 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Childdren (8) COAN

- i. Roderick MacLeod, b. June 27, 1933

RODERICK MacLEOD⁸ COAN (Alexander M.⁷, Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born June 27, 1933, in Buffalo, New York, the son of Alexander MacLeod and Dorothy (Sellers) Coan. He married A. Joan Lynch January 17, 1957, in Ellicott City, Maryland. She was born July 1, 1940.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Scott MacLeod, b. Mar. 25, 1960
- ii. Janice MacLeod, b. July 4, 1962

NORMAN ALLISON⁷ COAN (Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, March 13, 1905, the son of Norman Everett and Mabel A. (MacLeod) Coan. He studied at Alma College in Michigan, Antioch College in Ohio, and the University of Michigan. On March 26, 1927, in Toledo, Ohio, he married Darlene Hogue, who was born in Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, September 22, 1904, the daughter of Emerson P. and Mary Ellen (MacDonald) Hogue. She received her advanced education at Teachers College, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Norman was employed by American Can Company in cost accounting and forestry management. He belonged to the Masons, the Shriners, the Elks, and was a life-time member and a national director of the National Association of Accountants which honored him with three Lybrand awards. Darlene was interested in genealogy and gave much information on her husband's branch of the family to the compiler of this book. She also enjoyed swimming, riding, painting, craftwork,



*(top left) Norman Kennedy
Coan, (top right) Marlin
MacDonald Coan, (bottom)
Richard Hogue Coan.*



*Jane Elizabeth Coan and
Nancy Ann Coan*



*Charles Emerson Coan and Martha
Waller Coan*



Norman Kennedy Coan and William Norman Coan

bridge, travel, and above all reading. In 1982 she was living with her son Marlin in Vancouver, Washington; and Norman was suffering from Alzheimer's disease and in a nursing home.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Norman Kennedy, a twin, b. Nov. 3, 1927
- ii. Marlin MacDonald, a twin, b. Nov. 3, 1927
- iii. Richard Hogue, b. Mar. 17, 1933

Reference: Mrs. Norman A. Coan

NORMAN KENNEDY COAN (Norman A. , Norman E. , Marlin A. , Marlin H. H. , Augustus , Jacob , Peter) was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, November 3, 1927, the son of Norman Allison and Darlene (Hogue) Coan. He was graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. degree in business administration in 1951. December 30, 1950, in Lansing, Michigan, he married Norma Jean Chisler, who was born in Lansing July 25, 1930, the daughter of Charles and Edna (Hubbard) Chisler.

Norman served with the Army of Occupation in Japan. From September, 1946, to March, 1978, he was employed by Kimberly-Clark Corporation; was president of Bakerite Baking Company, a wholesale bakery in Wisconsin; was president of Ward's Baking Company in Chicago; and in 1981 was vice president of Lenox Candles, Inc., in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In 1982 he was employed by Bluegate Candle Company, Moss Beach, California, as operations manager.

In 1974 he was divorced, and in 1976 he married second Kathleen June Adams. His interests included sailing, hunting and fishing. In 1982 he and Kathleen lived at Half Moon Bay, California.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Charles Emerson, b. Aug. 29, 1950
- ii. William Norman, b. Nov. 21, 1952
- iii. Carrie Jean, b. Mar. 5, 1954
- iv. Jane Elizabeth, a twin, b. Oct. 4, 1955
- v. Nancy Ann, a twin, b. Oct. 4, 1955

Reference: Norman K. Coan, 760 Toulouse Court, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

CHARLES EMERSON COAN (Norman K. , Norman A. , Norman E. , Marlin A. , Marlin H. H. , Augustus , Jacob , Peter) was born in Lansing, Michigan, August 29, 1950, the son of Norman Kennedy and Norma Jean (Chisler) Coan. September 17, 1969, in Neenah, Wisconsin, he married Martha Waller, who was born in Jackson, Michigan, February 23, 1951, the daugh-

ter of Jesse L. and Martha L. (Lutes) Waller. In 1982 Charles was a shift supervisor at Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Neenah, and Martha was the self-employed owner of Paperback Book Exchange of Neenah and Oshkosh.

Children (10) COAN

- i. Chelsea M., b. Mar. 15, 1970, Neenah, Wisconsin

Reference: Charles E. Coan, 110 W. Columbian Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956

⁹ WILLIAM NORMAN COAN (⁸ Norman K., ⁷ Norman A., ⁶ Norman E., ⁵ Marlin A., ⁴ Marlin H. H., ³ Augustus, ² Jacob, ¹ Peter) was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, November 21, 1952, the son of Norman Kennedy and Norman Jean (Chisler) Coan. In 1973 he was graduated from the University of Wisconsin summa cum laude with a B.A. degree in creative communication. February 7, 1975, in Madison he married Lois Jeanne Borden who was born in Neenah May 17, 1952, the daughter of William Joseph and Mary Dora Borden. She attended the University of Wisconsin for three years. In 1982 they were living in Neenah where William was a free lance writer/photographer.

Children (10) COAN

- i. Andrew Borden, b. July 14, 1977, Carthage, Ill.
- ii. James Kennedy, b. July 4, 1980, Neenah, Wis.
- iii. Caroline Darrie, b. July 13, 1982, Neenah, Wis.

Reference: William N. Coan, 606 Kessler Drive, Neenah, WI 54956

⁹ CARRIE JEAN COAN (⁸ Norman K., ⁷ Norman A., ⁶ Norman E., ⁵ Marlin A., ⁴ Marlin H. H., ³ Augustus, ² Jacob, ¹ Peter) was born in Niagara, Wisconsin, March 5, 1954. She married James Woolley in August, 1973. In 1982 they lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Children (10) WOOLLEY

- i. Ann Elizabeth, b. Nov. 11, 1975, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- ii. Melissa, b. Mar. 26, 1979, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- iii. Sarah Joyce, b. Dec. 30, 1982

Reference: Mrs. Norman A. Coan

⁸ MARLIN MacDONALD COAN (⁷ Norman A., ⁶ Norman E., ⁵ Marlin A., ⁴ Marlin H. H., ³ Augustus, ² Jacob, ¹ Peter) was born a twin in

GRANDCHILDREN OF NORMAN ALLISON AND DARLENE HOGUE COAN



Children of Norman Kennedy Coan and Marlin MacDonald Coan. Back row: Cathy, Carrie, Tom, Bill, Chuck, Don. Front row: Dianna, Nancy, Jane.



(top left) Chelsea Coan, daughter of Charles Emerson Coan; (top right) James and Andrew Coan, sons of William Norman Coan; (center) Caroline Darrie Coan, in 1982 the youngest descendant with surname Coan, daughter of William Norman Coan; (bottom left) Ann Elizabeth Woolley, daughter of Carrie Jean Coan Woolley; (bottom right) Melissa Woolley, daughter of Carrie Jean Coan Woolley.



Wyandotte, Michigan, November 3, 1927, the son of Norman Allison and Darlene (Hogue) Coan. He received his advanced education from the University of Wisconsin and Purdue and in 1950 was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a B.S. degree in industrial engineering. He was employed by Boise Cascade in Oregon, by Ford Motor Company in Michigan, and in 1982 was a sales representative in the West for Mosinee Paper Company.

On November 5, 1948, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, he married Ruth Ann Russell, who was born in Menasha, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, July 29, 1930, the daughter of Thomas and Emily (Ponkratz) Russell. Marlin served in the Merchant Marine from 1945 to 1947 and was an ardent sportsman.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Donald Russell, b. Apr. 16, 1949
- ii. Thomas William, b. July 10, 1953; lived in Salem, Oregon, in 1982
- iii. Catherine Ellen, b. May 21, 1956; m. Robert Denny; lived in Salem, Oregon, in 1982
- iv. Dianna May, b. May 20, 1957; m. Ray Boyd; lived in Salem, Oregon, in 1982

Reference: Marlin M. Coan, 2310 S. E. 149th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98664

DONALD RUSSELL⁹ COAN (Marlin M.⁸, Norman A.⁷, Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, April 16, 1949, the son of Marlin MacDonald and Ruth Ann (Russell) Coan. He attended Steven's Point University, Steven's Point, Wisconsin, part of the University of Wisconsin system; Clark College, Vancouver, Washington; and Oregon State University at Corvallis, where he received a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1972. His whole life was devoted to chemistry from the time he was a small boy.

He took post-graduate work at Oregon State University and worked at Richland, Washington, Laboratories, but had to resign because of ill health. He died in March, 1982, in Salem, Oregon.

Reference: Mrs. Norman A. Coan

THOMAS WILLIAM⁹ COAN (Marlin M.⁸, Norman A.⁷, Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born July 10, 1953, in Trenton, Michigan, son of Marlin MacDonald and Ruth Ann (Russell) Coan. He married Deborah Bechtold. They were divorced, and in 1982 Thomas lived in Salem, Oregon.

Reference: Mrs. Norman A. Coan



Donald Russell Coan



Thomas William Coan



*Dianna May Coan and Catherine
Ellen Coan*



*Darlene Hogue Coan, Norman
Allison Coan, Genevieve Coan
Effinger*



Lieutenant Colonel Richard Hogue Coan



Jeffrey Scott Coan

He completed a B.S. degree in aeronautical engineering at the University of Wyoming in 1965 and an M.A. degree in public services administration in 1976 from Ball State University through its Overseas Program in Europe.

In 1962 he was selected to fly an H-43 helicopter in an attempt at a world record for helicopter distance around a closed course at Mono Lake, California. His record, 653 miles, broke one previously established by the U.S.S.R.

During his Air Force career he flew a variety of aircraft including both fixed wing and helicopters. In addition to his permanent duty stations, he served short tours in Peru, Wake Island, and the Philippines. He served as rescue helicopter pilot, operations officer, rescue detachment commander, aircraft maintenance control and quality control officer, and as squadron commander of two aircraft maintenance squadrons. He retired from the Air Force in 1979 as a lieutenant colonel.

He has been active in the Boy Scout program, working with troops, packs and district training teams in this country and in Germany. He was district chairman of the White Sands District in New Mexico. He was a member of Kiwanis. His hobbies included photography and stamp collecting.

September 10, 1955, in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, he married Marilyn Ruth Werschem, who was born October 3, 1933, in Appleton, Wisconsin, daughter of John E. and Viola (Mattler) Werschem. In 1982 Richard and Marilyn lived in Littleton, Colorado, where he was employed by Martin-Marietta Aerospace Corporation as a logistician. His duties included formulating transportation plans in support of the M-X Missile system. He and Marilyn were members of Centennial Lutheran Church in Englewood, Colorado.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Jeffrey Scott, b. Aug. 20, 1961
- ii. Kevin Patrick (adopted), b. Jan. 21, 1968, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii
- iii. John Michael, b. Mar. 7, 1972, Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah

Reference: Richard H. Coan, 7710 West Caley Drive, Littleton, CO 80123

JEFFREY SCOTT⁹ COAN (Richard H.⁸, Norman A.⁷, Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Summerville, South Carolina, August 20, 1961, the son of Richard Hogue and Marilyn (Werschem) Coan. September 19, 1981, in Littleton, Colorado, he married Terri Lyn Darling, who was born April 24, 1958, in Lakewood, Colorado, daughter of Maurice and Theda Darling.

Jeffrey was very active in the Boy Scouts earning the rank of Eagle Scout and the Pro Deo et Patria religious

award. He attended the Transatlantic Council's Bicentennial Jamboree in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1976.

In 1982, Jeffrey and Terri were living in Englewood, Colorado, where he was employed in the M-X Logistics Engineering Section by Martin-Marietta Aerospace.

Reference: Jeffrey S. Coan, 135 West Belleview Avenue, Apartment #102, Englewood, CO 80110

GENEVIEVE RATHBUN⁷ COAN (Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born May 2, 1907, the daughter of Norman Everett and Mabel A. (MacLeod) Coan. She was a teacher of physical education. In 1933 she married William Chapin Davis in Ann Arbor, Michigan. They were divorced, and she returned to teaching in the elementary schools of Detroit. She married second Ed Effinger.

Children (8) DAVIS

- i. Philip
- ii. Glenn

Reference: Mrs. Norman A. Coan
Genealogical Notes of Mrs. Gleen Long Coan.

GLENN LONG⁶ COAN (Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born January 1, 1891, in Wyandotte, Michigan, the son of Marlin Augustus and Ella (Long) Coan. He studied at Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery (now Wayne State University) and became a Doctor of Medicine in 1915. January 15, 1920, in Detroit he married Elizabeth S. Schroeder, who was born June 9, 1896, in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Charles H. F. and Emma (Kinker) Schroeder. She was graduated from Wellesley College in 1919.

Glenn served in the United States Army with the Sixteenth Engineers from 1914 until 1918 and was a major in the Medical Corps. He was a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons (admitted in 1933), a member of the Masons, a life member of Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club, chairman of the Ethics Committee of Wayne County Medical Society, and for 40 years plant doctor for Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation (now Pennwalt Corporation). About 1939 he wrote an article concerning tannic acid treatment for chemical burns. It appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association. His hobbies included golf, reading, sports, and duplicate bridge.

Glenn died December 24, 1963, on Grosse Ile, Michigan.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Peter Gaylord, b. May 17, 1935
- ii. Charlotte Lucile, b. Jan. 6, 1937



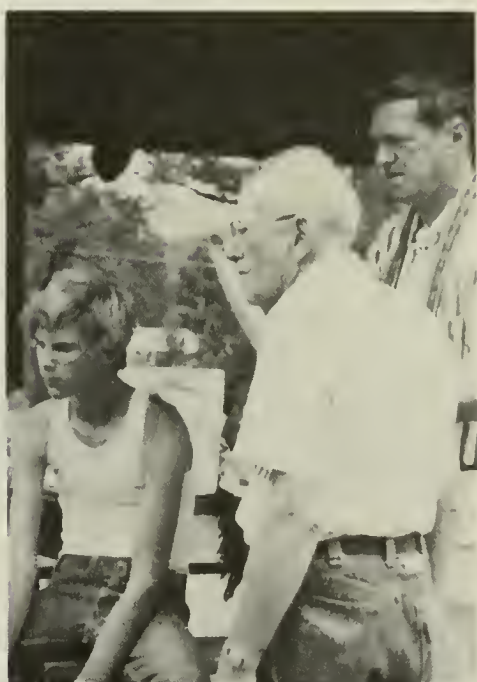
The Richard Hogue Coan family, left to right, John Michael, Kevin Patrick, Jeffrey Scott, Marilyn Wersham, and Richard.



Kevin Patrick Coan



John Michael Coan



Three generations of Coans: Jeffrey Scott Coan, seated; Norman Allison Coan and Richard Hogue Coan, rear.



Glenn Long Coan



Elizabeth Schroeder Coan

Reference: Peter G. Coan, 21144 Thorofare, Gross Ile, MI 48138

PETER GAYLORD⁷ COAN (Glenn L.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, May 17, 1935, the son of Glenn Long and Elizabeth S. (Schroeder) Coan. In March, 1958, he was graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. degree in social science (combined major including history, psychology, and philosophy). He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1958 until 1964 when he was honorably discharged as a corporal (E-4).

September 3, 1959, on Grosse Ile he married Dorothy Schroeder (no relation), who was born in Detroit September 24, 1938, the daughter of Carlisle F. and Isabella (Feather) Schroeder. Dorothy was graduated from Michigan State University in March, 1960, with a B.A. degree in elementary education.

Peter enjoyed boating, photography, reading, and sports. In 1982 he was an accountant for Ford Motor Company, Parts and Service Division, in Romulus, Michigan. Dorothy worked part time as an insurance billing clerk for Metropolitan Detroit Urological Associates, Professional Corporation. They lived on Grosse Ile.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Peter Glenn, b. Oct. 25, 1962, Wyandotte, Mich.
- ii. Paul Schroeder, b. May 30, 1964, Trenton, Mich.

Reference: Peter G. Coan

CHARLOTTE LUCILLE⁷ COAN (Glenn L.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H. H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹) was born in Detroit, Michigan, January 6, 1937, the daughter of Glenn Long and Elizabeth S. (Schroeder) Coan. In 1954-1955 she attended Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia, and in 1959 was graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. degree in nursing. In 1961-1962 she attended New York University Graduate School. She was a registered nurse.

April 12, 1964, in New York City she married Joseph Biren, who was born in New York City March 25, 1931, the son of David and Anna (Levine) Biren. He was a graduate of Bronx High School of Science, Bronx, New York; attended Cooper Union College in New York City; and in 1959 was graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.S. degree in civil engineering.

Charlotte and Joseph enjoyed traveling with their family in their camper van. Her hobbies included knitting, reading, swimming, and gourmet cooking. Besides being active with the Parent-Teachers Association, she was a leader in

both Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. In 1982 they were living in Westfield, New Jersey, where Joseph was self-employed as a consulting engineer.

Children (8) BIREN

- i. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Nov. 7, 1967, New York, N.Y.
- ii. Glenn Jacob, b. Dec. 27, 1969, New York, N.Y.

Reference: Mrs. Joseph Biren, 424 Tremont Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090

MARTHA² COAN (Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, November 28, 1737, the daughter of Peter and Hannah (Davis) Coan. On January 18, 1759, she married George Dudley who was born in Guilford, Connecticut, September 15, 1721, the son of Joshua and Sarah (Perry) Dudley. They joined the early settlers who were moving away from the coast a little to the north and west; and they settled in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where Martha's brother Jacob also moved. Martha and George's children were all born in Stockbridge.

Children (3) DUDLEY

- i. Lucy, b. Oct. 17, 1759; m. Capt. Moss; d. Glen Aubry, N.Y.
- ii. Wright, b. Sept. 20, 1761
- iii. Hooker, bpt. July 3, 1764; d. Stockbridge, Mass.;
two sons: William and Charles
- iv. William; went to Ohio
- v. Jedidiah, b. Aug., 1774

Reference: Dean Dudley, The History of the Dudley Family (Montrose, Massachusetts: published by the author, 1894), Vol. II, p. 975.

WRIGHT DUDLEY³, son of George and Martha (Coan) Dudley, was born September 20, 1761, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He married Sibyl Stoddard, daughter of General Stoddard, November 24, 1785. Wright died November 26, 1798, at Hooper, New York. Sibyl died August 4, 1849.

Children (4) DUDLEY

- i. Lucy, b. Jan. 7, 1788; m. E. B. Canfield; had seven children; d. May 6, 1835
- ii. Calvin, b. June 26, 1789; unm.; d. Durham, N.Y.
- iii. Clarissa, b. June 3, 1791; m. Platt Adams; had four children; d. 1857, Yonkers, N.Y.
- iv. Stephen, b. Aug. 28, 1793; unm.; d. 1822
- v. Eliza, b. Oct. 21, 1795; m. A. Donnelly Feb. 22, 1821; had five children; d. Oct. 27, 1872



Peter Glenn Coan



Paul Schroeder Coan



*Peter Gaylord Coan and Dorothy Schroeder
Coan*



Joseph Biren



Charlotte Lucille Coan Biren



Glenn Jacob Biren and Sarah Elizabeth Biren

Reference: Dudley, History of Dudley Family, Vol. II, p. 975.

JEDIDIAH DUDLEY³, son of George and Martha (Coan) Dudley, was born in August, 1774. He married Lydia Barnes, who was born April 17, 1777. Jedidiah died November 24, 1812, at Union Centre, New York. Lydia died November 15, 1842.

Children (4) DUDLEY

- i. Lydia Ann, b. Jan. 15, 1809; m. Capt. Ketcham; had two children; d. June 11, 1887
- ii. Martha, b. Aug. 1811; m. Col. Charles Monroe; had eight children; d. 1862
- iii. Jedidiah, b. Apr. 10, 1813

Reference: Dudley, History of Dudley Family, Vol. II, pp. 975, 976.

JEDIDIAH DUDLEY⁴, son of Jedidiah and Lydia (Barnes) Dudley, was born April 10, 1813. He married E. C. Marion on Christmas Eve, 1840. She was born May 15, 1821.

Children (5) DUDLEY

- i. Dwight, b. Oct. 28, 1841
- ii. Samira, b. Sept. 12, 1842; unm.; d. May 11, 1863
- iii. Martha, b. Feb. 25, 1857; m. Leroy Bostwock; had two children

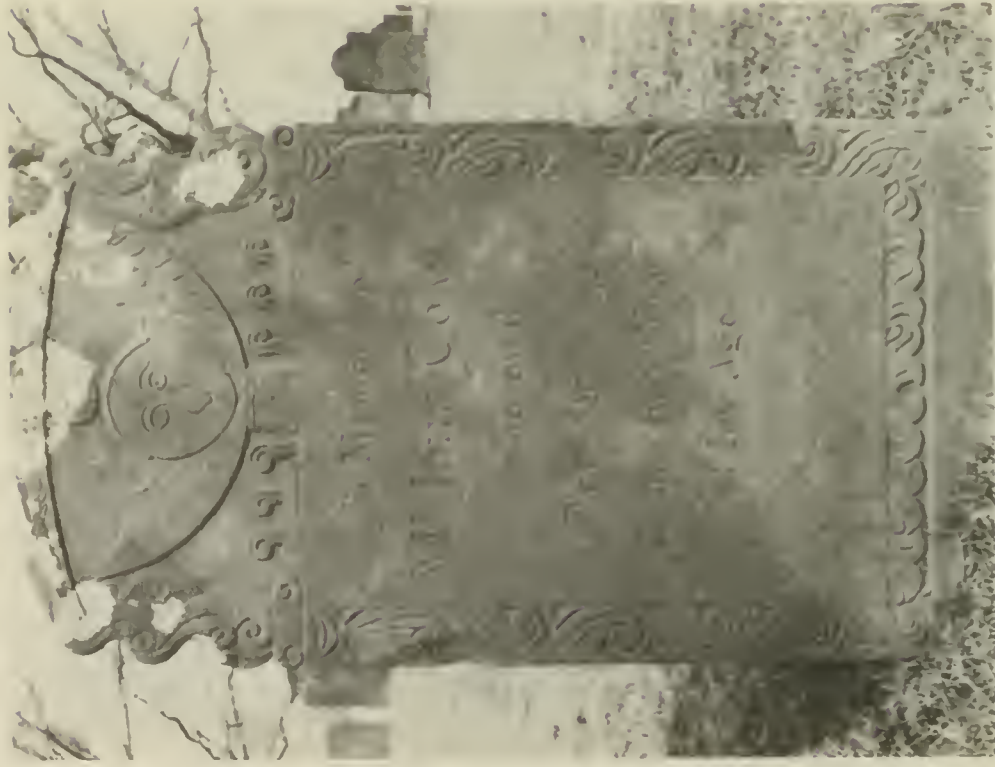
Reference: Dudley, History of Dudley Family, Vol. II, p. 976.

DWIGHT DUDLEY⁵, son of Jedidiah and E. C. (Marion) Dudley, was born October 28, 1841. He married March 17, 1884, Alice Haskins, who was born December 16, 1861.

Children (6) DUDLEY

- i. Myra E., b. Jan. 17, 1885
- ii. Jessie A., b. Nov. 5, 1887
- iii. Dwight Guilford, b. Oct. 1, 1890

Reference: Dudley, History of Dudley Family, Vol. II, p. 976



Gravestone of John² Coan, cemetery, North Guilford, Connecticut. Photo by Gillian Rose.



Gravestone of Mabel Chittenden Coan. Photo by Gillian Rose.

CHAPTER 3

CONNECTICUT COANS

JOHN² COAN AND DESCENDANTS:

ELISHA² COAN; MARY² COAN AND DESCENDANTS

Principal Sources used in this chapter:

Wesley Burgess⁵ Coan, Genealogical Notes (Collection of Roger A. and Margaret S. Ruth, 390 Rock Beach Road, Rochester, NY 14617).

Mabel Chittenden Potter, Scrapbook--Interesting Happenings 1894-1947, newspaper clippings, chiefly of marriages and obituaries (Collection of C. C. Potter, 709 County Road, Guilford, CT 06437).

Alvan Talcott, Guilford, Connecticut Families (copy of original manuscript, Town Clerk's Office, Guilford, Connecticut).

Alvan Talcott, compiler, Genealogy of Coan Family, 1876, copied by Jerome Coan, 1878, and appended (Collection of C. C. Potter).

Other References given in text and after biographies where they have been used.

JOHN² COAN (Peter¹) was born December, 1729, and baptized January 4, 1730, in East Hampton, Long Island, the son of Peter and Hannah (Davis) Coan. When John was about seven years old, his father Peter bought a farm in North Guilford, Connecticut, and moved the family there. John lived in North Guilford all the rest of his life, and in 1771 was given the family homestead as part of his inheritance by his father who lived with John from then on.

On November 8, 1754, John married Mabel Chittenden, the daughter of Simeon and Submit (Scranton) Chittenden of North Guilford. Mabel was born November 5, 1737, a great, great granddaughter of William and Joanna (Sheaffe) Chittenden who came to America in 1639. They were two of the original settlers (twenty-five men and families) of Guilford. Mabel died May 12, 1787. John married second the Widow Frances. He died October 18, 1795. Mabel and John were buried in the North Guilford cemetery.

Children (3) COAN:

- i. Olive, bpt. 1755
- ii. Mabel, bpt. 1756
- iii. Hannah, b. 1758
- iv. Josiah, b. Nov. 20, 1760
- v. John, b. Jan. 27, 1763
- vi. Rebecca, b. 1765
- vii. Simeon, bpt. Apr. 19, 1767
- viii. Submit, b. Dec. 7, 1769
- ix. Lucretia, bpt. July, 1772
- x. Abraham, b. Nov. 9, 1774
- xi. Davis, b. 1784

Reference: Alvan Talcott, comp. Chittenden Family: William Chittenden of Guilford, Connecticut and His Descendants (New Haven, Conn.: Press of Tuttle, Morehouse, and Taylor, 1882), p. 40.

³ OLIVE² COAN (John¹, Peter¹), was baptized in Guilford, Connecticut in 1755, daughter of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. She married January 24, 1774, William Fowler, born December 10, 1748, the son of Ebenezer and Desire (Bristol) Fowler of Guilford, Connecticut. William died in North Guilford, aged 66, May 15, 1815; Olive died, aged 73, February 12, 1829.

Children (4) FOWLER:

- i. Huldah, b. Mar. 21, 1774
- ii. Isaac, b. June 7, 1776, of Benton, Ohio
- iii. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 26, 1778; m. Justus Graves of Madison; d. Oct. 17, 1822
- iv. Abel, b. May 13, 1781; lost at sea
- v. Phebe, b. Dec. 28, 1783; m. _____ Bassett of Ohio
- vi. Frederic, b. Jan. 6, 1789, of Milan, Ohio
- vii. Mabel, b. May 9, 1791; m. George Weld; d. Dec. 21, 1821

⁴ HULDAH FOWLER⁴, daughter of William and Olive (Coan) Fowler, was born March 21, 1774. On March 4, 1798, she married John Foote, born July 25, 1772, the son of John and Ruth (Culver) Foote. They resided in North Branford, Connecticut.

Children (5) FOOTE:

- i. Uriah Collins, b. May 29, 1800; d. 1835 unmarried
- ii. Harriet, b. Sept. 14, 1805; m. Benjamin Todd; resided in Northford, Connecticut

Reference: Abram W. Foote, Foote Family (Rutland, Vermont: Marble City Press, The Tuttle Company, 1907), Vol. I, p. 172.

To Have and to Hold the above Granted and Bargained Premises, with the Appurtenances thereof, unto him the said *William Rossiter*

his Heirs and Assigns for ever, to *his* and their own proper Use and Behoof.
And also, *I. John Coan* do for himself *his* Heirs, Executors and Administrators, Covenant with the said *William Rossiter*

his Heirs and Assigns, That at and until the Ensueing these Presents I am well seised of the Premises as a good indefeasible Estate in *Fee-simple*; and have good Right to Bargain and Sell the same in Manner and Form as is above Written; and that the same is free of all Incumbrances whatsoever. And Furthermore, *for* the said *John Coan*

do by these Presents bind myself and *my* Heirs for ever, to WARRANT and Defend the above Granted and Bargained Premises to him the said

William Rossiter his Heirs and Assigns, against all Claims and Demands whatsoever. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the *fourth* Day of *March* In the *thirtieth* Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *George the third* of Great-Britain, &c. KING. *Anno Domini, 1796*

John Coan

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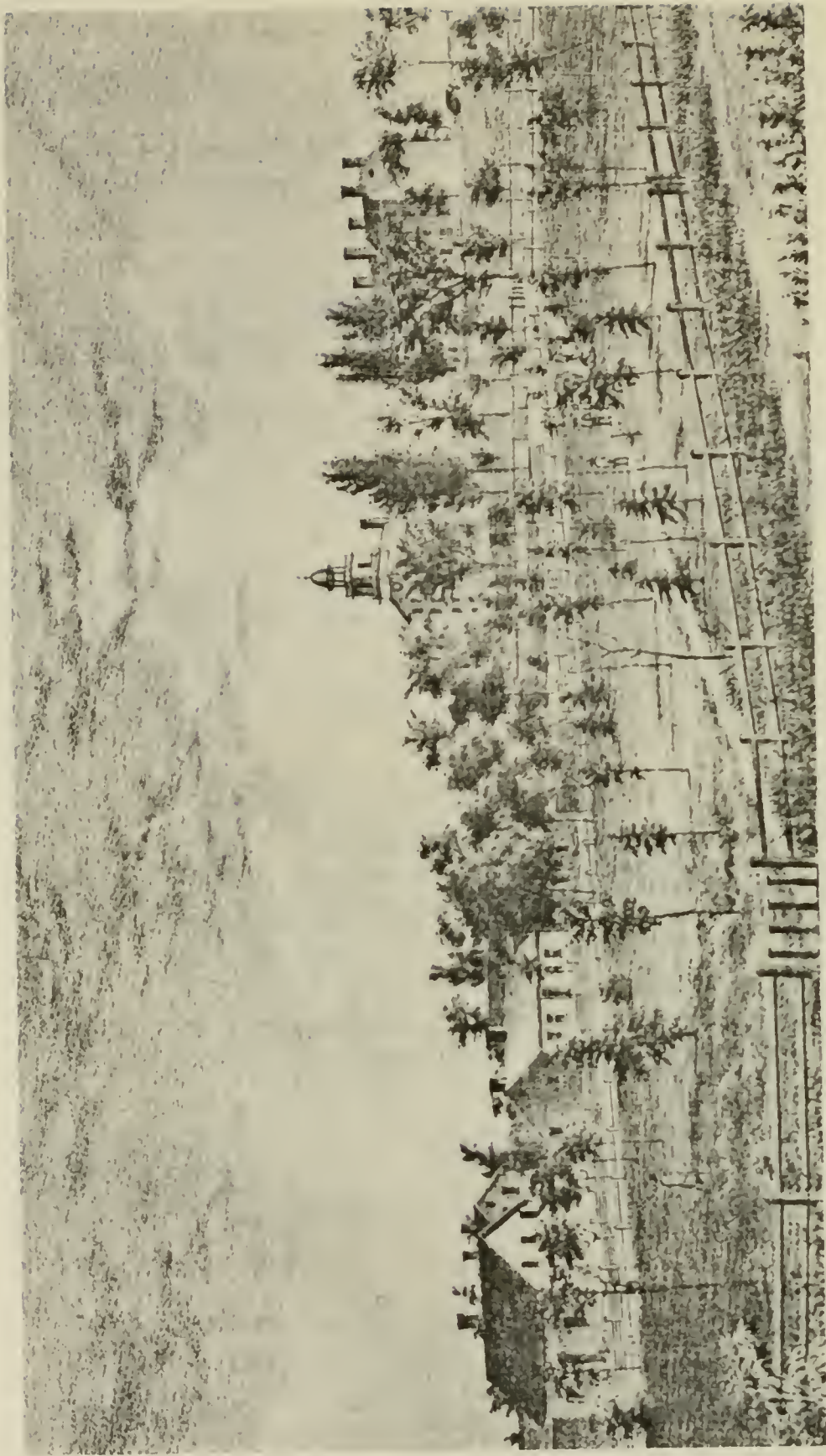
Thomas Dudley
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Guilford Hawthorn *Coan* *March the fourth seventh 1796*
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of the foregoing Instrument, a *free Ad and Dead*, before me

Signer and Sealer

Thomas Dudley Justice of p. peace

*John*² *Coan*'s signature on original deed of property sold by him to *William Rossiter* March 14, 1776. Courtesy C.C. Potter Collection.



Campus of Middlebury College with its two buildings about as it was when Mabel Cowan Hall's son, Friend Mabel, attended. He was graduated in 1812. Courtesy Samuel Swift, History of the Town of Middlebury in the County of Addison, Vermont.

MABEL³ COAN (John², Peter¹), was baptized in North Guilford, Connecticut in 1756, daughter of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. Mabel spelled her name Cowan. She married May 24, 1786, Abraham Hall, son of Abraham and Jerusha (Bowen) Hall, who was born July 29, 1756. He died at Starksboro, Vermont, August, 1818. He married second Ruby Marshall.

Children (4) HALL

- i. Friend Mabel, b. Jan. 16, 1787
- ii. Rebecca, b. May 20, 1788; m. Dodifer Bunker

Reference: David B. Hall, Halls of New England, Genealogical and Biographical (Albany, New York: Joel Munsell's Sons, 1883), p. 15.

FRIEND MABEL HALL⁴, son of Abraham and Mabel (Coan) Hall, was born in Guilford, Connecticut, January 16, 1787. He lived in Norfolk, Connecticut, until 1796 when his parents moved to Starksboro, Vermont. He worked on his father's farm there until he was twenty-one years of age, and then prepared for college with the Reverend Jedediah Bushnell of Cornwall. In 1809 he entered Middlebury College with advanced standing, and was graduated with an A.B. degree in the Class of 1812.

He studied medicine with Dr. Frederick Ford of Cornwall, Dr. John Sargent of Dorset, and Dr. Noadiah Swift of Bennington. In 1816 he was licensed by the Addison County Medical Society. He married Electa Benton of Cornwall, Connecticut, September 25, 1816. From 1816 to 1820 he was a physician in Starksboro and then moved to Berkshire where he practiced another twenty years. At that time he began to gradually withdraw from his large practice and devote himself to his 500-acre farm.

Electa died of cancer April 27, 1850. He married second Mary Luther of Saratoga, New York, who survived him about a year. Friend Mabel died in Berkshire, Vermont, July 31, 1868.

Children (5) HALL

- i. Lester Cowan, b. June 21, 1817; d. Mar. 4, 1840
- ii. Marshall Benton, b. Dec. 10, 1819
- iii. Harvey Rice, b. July 21, 1821; m. June, 1848
- iv. Nelson Davis, b. Apr. 3, 1822; d. Nov. 28, 1834
- v. Twins, a son and a daughter died in infancy
- vi. Electa Eliza, b. July 20, 1827; d. Aug. 29, 1827
- vii. Milo Deming, b. Jan. 27, 1829, unmarried
- viii. Joseph Baily, b. Sept. 4, 1830; d. Apr. 8, 1837
- ix. Mary Mabel, b. Sept. 14, 1832; d. June, 1837

Note Lester Cowan, the name of the first son. Friend Mabel's mother spelled her maiden name Cowan. She is the only Coan known to have used this spelling.

Reference: Hall, Halls of New)England, p. 23.

Duane L. Robinson, General Catalogue of Middlebury College (Middlebury, Vermont: Publications Department of Middlebury College, 1950) p. 19.

HANNAH³ COAN (John², Peter¹) was born in 1758 in North Guilford, Connecticut, the daughter of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. She married April 19, 1781, Robert Kimberly, born at Guilford, Connecticut, in 1752, the son of Abraham and Mary (Sherman) Kimberly.

Robert served under Captain T. Cook at Saratoga in September and October, 1777. In the latter action he was wounded in the breast. He and Hannah lived for the most part in Watertown and Woodbury, Connecticut. He died at Guilford April 17, 1803. Hannah's brother Simeon was appointed guardian April 16, 1804, of Hannah's minor son, Abel. She married for the second time at Northford, Connecticut, May 20, 1817, Dr. Jared Foote. She was his fourth wife. They resided in North Branford. He died October 11, 1820; Hannah died, aged 83, October 24, 1841.

Children (4) KIMBERLY

- i. Parnel, b. Sept. 1, 1782; d. June 2, 1866; m. April 13, 1806, Jeremiah Hubbard, b. June 15, 1780; d. Sept. 10, 1841, son of Abraham and Hannah (Hedges) Hubbard
- ii. Josiah, b. Oct., 1784
- iii. Abraham, b. Nov. 13, 1786; d. Apr. 3, 1871
- iv. Abel, b. Dec. 21, 1788
- v. Hannah E., b. July 6, 1792; d. June 26, 1858; m. July 5, 1810, Isaac Meigs, b. July 3, 1787, son of Nathan and Mabel (Parmelee) Meigs; d. Apr. 29, 1847
- vi. Erastus Coan, b. Sept. 10, 1794
- vii. David Robert, b. about 1797
- viii. Lucretia, b. about 1799; d. Jan. 29, 1879; m. Guilford, June 25, 1827, Marvin Henderson of Winsted

Reference: Donald L. Jacobus, The Genealogy of the Kimberly Family (Menasha, Wisconsin: George Banta Publishing Company, 1950), p. 53.

Foote, Foote Family, Vol. I, p. 68.

JOSIAH KIMBERLY⁴, son of Robert and Hannah (Coan) Kimberly, was born at Guilford, Connecticut, October, 1784. He mar-

ried first, at Plymouth, Connecticut, January 29, 1809, Betsey Elizabeth Stone, who was born about 1788 and died at Plymouth on October 31, 1822, aged 34. He married second, at Plymouth, on April 27, 1823, Orra Fenn, who was born about 1792 and died at Plymouth on December 8, 1862, aged 70. Josiah died at Plymouth, Connecticut, April 2, 1863, aged 86.

Children (5) KIMBERLY

Children by first wife, born at Plymouth, Connecticut:

- i. Huldah Juliana, b. Mar. 25, 1810; m. Orrin Preston, at Plymouth, Dec. 6, 1832
- ii. Eber Elias, b. Dec. 16, 1811; m. at Plymouth Oct. 20, 1836, Martha Naomi Driscoll of Goshen (b. about 1813, d. January 24, 1899, age 85) d. at Plymouth July 25, 1888, age 77
 1. Frederick R., b. July 19, 1842. d. at Rockingham, Vt., June 6, 1911, age 68
 2. Jane E., b. abt. 1849; m. Henry L. Hinman.
- iii. Temperance Eliza, b. Nov. 23, 1813; m. at Plymouth, Mar. 6, 1834, John Brainerd Parsons
- iv. Betsey Ann, m. at Plymouth, Nov. 6 or Dec. 1837, William B. Warner
- v. Hannah, b. about Aug. 1820, d. Oct. 15, 1822
- vi. Henry, b. about Apr. 1822; d. Oct. 7, 1822

Children by second wife, born at Plymouth:

- vii. George G., b. about 1826; m. at Harwinton, Connecticut Nov. 20, 1850, Eliza M. Pardee, b. at Harwinton Nov. 23, 1822, daughter of Leavit and Eunice (Linsley) Pardee.
- viii. Sarah, b. about 1832

Reference: Jacobus, Kimberly Family, pp. 92, 93, 94.

ABRAHAM KIMBERLY⁴, son of Robert and Hannah (Coan) Kimberly, was born at Guilford, Connecticut, November 13, 1786. He married July 31, 1810, Harriet Collins, born at Guilford, September 2, 1790, daughter of Friend and Phileny (Norton) Collins. She died there January 27, 1874. Abraham died at Guilford, April 3, 1871.

Children (5) KIMBERLY

- i. Edward Augustus, b. May 18, 1811; m. Oct. 8, 1840, Matilda Moore; children: Abraham, George, Mary, Harriet, Charles, and Jennie, b. in 1860
- ii. Harriet Elizabeth, b. July 24, 1813; m. at Guilford, Feb. 1, 1845, Edward Thomas of New Haven

- iii. Julia Ann, b. Nov. 3, 1815; m. Aug. 23, 1842, William Fitch of New Haven, d. May 23, 1855
- iv. Abraham, b. Feb. 18, 1818
- v. Mary Ann Chamberlain, b. July 31, 1820; d. Nov. 16, 1823
- vi. Charles Robert, b. Mar. 5, 1823; d. at Hong Kong, China, Mar. 28, 1853
- vii. William Henry, b. Jan. 1, 1825; d. May 5, 1825
- viii. Mary Ann Chamberlain, b. May 27, 1827; m. at Guilford, Aug. 16, 1848, William Perry of New Haven
- ix. Frances Amelia, b. Sept. 25, 1830
- x. Henry, b. Oct. 20, 1834; d. Jan. 21, 1835

Reference: Jacobus, Kimberly Family, p. 94.

ABEL KIMBERLY⁴, son of Robert and Hannah (Coan) Kimberly, was born at Guilford, Connecticut, December 21, 1788. He married first Polly Meigs, December 28, 1806. Polly was born in 1789, died August 31, 1828, aged 39, daughter of Nathan and Mabel (Parmelee) Meigs. Abel married second, at Guilford, March 26, 1829, Lucy Bishop, born at Guilford, March 9, 1784, daughter of Johnson and Lucy (Leete) Bishop. Abel died at Guilford June 8, 1855, aged 66; Lucy died April 6, 1864.

Children (5) KIMBERLY at Guilford:

- i. Lewis Robert, b. Apr. 14, 1807; d. June 17, 1846 res. Plainville, Ohio; m. Asenath Brigden; children: Robert and Augustus
- ii. George Augustus, b. Mar. 20, 1810; m. Jan. 12, 1834, Louisa Jones, b. Apr. 8, 1817, d. Mar. 8, 1892, aged 75, daughter of Sylvester Jones; children:
 - 1. George Everett, b. at New Haven, Conn. Mar 12, 1835; d. at Guilford, Jan. 7, 1905, aged 69; m. Mary A. Nettleton
 - 2. Edward Augustus, b. Feb. 3, 1837; d. Apr. 11, 1844
 - 3. Charles Henry, b. at Macon, Ga., Feb. 15, 1839; m. Agnes L. Conway
 - 4. Louisa Jones, b. Sept. 11, 1841; d. Apr. 17, 1844
 - 5. Anna Parkman, b. at Guilford, Sept. 2, 1844; m. Charles D. Hoyt
 - 6. Lewis Abel, b. at Guilford, Sept. 17, 1847; m. Martha Webb Griswold, b. Apr. 2, 1847, daughter of Amos and Julia Ann (Seward) Griswold. They had several children, among them Everett G. and Anna Bertha who died aged 22 and 21 respectively

7. Edward Walter, b. Jan. 19, 1852; m. Minnie Campbell.
- iii. Abel Denison, b. Oct. 15, 1812
- iv. Eliza Ann, b. Oct. 29, 1816; m. at Guilford, Oct. 3, 1838, Edmund Russell of Macon, Ga.
- v. Nelson, b. Jan. 11, 1819; d. Apr. 22, 1822
- vi. Nelson, b. Mar. 2, 1823; d. Oct. 24, 1826
- vii. Henry Edward, b. Oct. 13, 1827; d. at Guilford Apr. 18, 1900; m. Jan. 29, 1850, Roxanna A. Durgin, b. Nov. 24, 1829, daughter of William Durgin; m. (2) May 16, 1862, Harriet F. Pickett; m. (3) Jan. 17, 1873, Julia Bunnell, b. Mar. 3, 1836; d. Apr. 23, 1887. Child by first wife:
 1. Henry Russell, b. Feb. 19, 1854; m. Oct. 18, 1877, Nettie J. Hanford

Reference: Jacobus, Kimberly Family, pp. 94, 95, 96.

ERASTUS COAN KIMBERLY⁴, son of Robert and Hannah (Coan) Kimberly, was born at Watertown, Connecticut, September 10, 1794. He married at Guilford July 3, 1826, Wealthy Ann Chapman, who was born December 17, 1801, daughter of Jedediah and Anne (Chapman) Chapman of Saybrook, Connecticut.

He was a warden of the First Church at Guilford. He died at Guilford, Connecticut, July 17, 1875, aged 81; Ann died January 18, 1890, aged 88.

Children (5) KIMBERLY

- i. William H., b. Apr. 21, 1827; d. Nov. 3, 1828
- ii. William, b. Mar. 28, 1830; m. Agnes Mitchell
- iii. George Chapman, b. Jan. 1, 1832; d. Nov. 29, 1892 age 60; m. Eliza Jane Spencer, b. about 1834, d. Nov. 19, 1916, age 82, daughter of Samuel C. and Jane (Loomis) Spencer
- iv. Wealthy Ann, b. Aug. 12, 1833; d. Aug. 13, 1833
- v. John, b. Apr. 3, 1839; d. Dec. 23, 1856
- vi. Erastus Elliot, b. Aug. 29, 1843; m. Aug. 19, 1869, Eleanor K. Bucknell; children: Frederick Bucknell, Albert Elliot, and Mary Eleanor

Reference: Jacobus, Kimberly Family, pp. 96, 97

DAVID ROBERT KIMBERLY⁴, son of Robert and Hannah (Coan) Kimberly, was born about 1797. He married at Torrington, Connecticut, October 7, 1824, Lydia Brooks. They lived in Wolcottville, Connecticut. David died at Torrington, Connecticut, 1840; Lydia died in 1849.

Children (5) KIMBERLY

- i. Henry R.
- ii. Mary
- iii. Elizabeth A., b. about 1834. Edmund Wooding was appointed her guardian, Sept. 22, 1849

JOSIAH³ COAN (John², Peter¹), was born November 20, 1760, in North Guilford, Connecticut, the son of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. He married May 17[18], 1786, Catherine, known as Carine, Graves who was born November 9, 1764, the daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Hall) Graves of Wallingford, Connecticut. Josiah and Carine lived at North Madison. Steiner in his book, History of the Plantation of Menungatuck, p. 389, wrote concerning Josiah and the Methodist Church at Black Rock or Rockland:

On April 17, 1806, the proprietors of the common and undivided lands granted a site for this church to Josiah Coan, William Hale, Jeremiah Stephens, John Francis, and others. The church was erected in 1816, but was not finished and dedicated until 1830. The congregation has always been small in numbers and not rich in this world's goods.

Carine died August 29, 1827, aged 63; and Josiah died February 2, 1836, aged 76. They were both buried in Rockland Cemetery, Madison, Connecticut.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Josiah, b. Aug. 8, 1788
- ii. William, b. Dec. 21, 1790
- iii. Elisha, b. Aug. 19, 1794
- iv. Catherine, b. Nov. 26, 1796
- v. Peter, b. Sept. 11, 1799
- vi. Daniel, b. Nov. 2, 1801; d. July 3, 1802
- vii. Rachel, b. Sept. 27, 1805
- viii. Hannah, b. June 8, 1809

Reference: Headstone Inscriptions, Madison, Connecticut (Charles R. Hale Collection, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut, 1937).

JOSIAH⁴ COAN (Josiah³, John², Peter¹) was born August 8, 1788, the son of Josiah and Carine (Graves) Coan. He was famous for his "walk." He had always wanted to see Niagara Falls, so on Tuesday, August 20, 1822, when he was 34 years old, he started from Guilford, Connecticut, to walk to the Falls. His purpose was twofold: to see the Falls and to

check land and water power facilities. On his way out he walked only part of the distance since he rode when he could on the Erie Canal. But coming home, he walked most of the way starting from the Ohio line, which was as far west as he went, to his starting point in Guilford--a total of 527 miles, according to his diary. A copy of his diary follows. (C. C. Potter Collection, Guilford, Connecticut). He arrived at the Falls September 8 and was back in Guilford, September 28.

Josiah married first Susan Fowler, who was born in October of 1792; she died March 19, 1852. He married second the widow Catherine Hull of Wallingford. He lived in North Madison and Wallingford and died on June 28, 1874.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Lodoiska, b. Feb. 6, 1814
- ii. Catherine, b. Sept. 6, 1819
- iii. Ellen Wesley, b. Oct. 6, 1824; d. May 14, 1882;
- m. Silas _____

Reference: Death Certificate--Josiah Coan, Madison, Connecticut

COPY OF A RECORD MADE BY JOSIAH COAN

(Collection of C. C. Potter, Guilford, Connecticut)

Guilford August 20 A.D. 1822

Guilford County of New Haven

State of Connecticut

Tuesday 20th August

Started from home proceeded through Durham Middletown & to Berlin 20 miles

put up at Hearts Expenses sixteen cents

Wednesday proceeded through Farmington Canton New Hartford

Barkhamstead to Winchester 30 miles put up at Higbys

Expenses thirty four cents

Thursday 22nd to Norfolk to Canaan

--Sheffield to Egremont-- to Green River

put up at Tanners. Expenses 14 cents

Friday 23d to Austerlitz Chatam Schoduct & Albany

34 miles put up at Toughskins

Expenses 37 1/2 cents 12 1/2 for Lodg.

Sat 24th from Albany to Schenectady & to Florida

Southwest side of the Mohawk 30 miles

Expenses 17 cents put up at Henry Hillmans cha = nt

Sabbath 25th. Remained at the same place

Monday 26th

Tuesday 27th from Florida to Charleston to Canajaharry to

Mindon 30 miles expenses 9 cents

Wednes 28th from Mindon to Danube 12 miles

Expenses 29 cents went on board a
at the east-end of canal Navigation

Thursday 29th from littlefalls to German

Flats to Frankford to Utica 23 miles in canal boat
Capt. Morgan

Friday 30th from Utica to Whites-Borough &

to Rome 15 miles in the same boat expenses 35 cents

Saturday 31st from Rome to Verona to Lenox to

Sullivan 30 miles expenses 6 cents
poor land as well

Sabbath Sept. 1th 1822

from Sullivan to Manlius to Salina to

Syracuse to Gettysburg (Syracuse and

Gettysburg are in the town of Salina

expenses 8 cents perhaps 20 miles

Monday 2nd from Salina to Onondago

to Camillus to Bucksville - - - on the
outlet of the Owasco Lake a very excellent
Mill seat expenses 2 cents

Tuesday 3d to Montisuma to Galen to Lyons

20 miles ----- This day landed at

Montisuma from Capt. Thos. Morgans boat

from Little Falls 118 miles passage 60 cents

expenses this day amount to 71 cents

From Lyons to Palmyra to Pittsford put at

Ac -- 29 miles expenses 23 cents

Whiteoak sandy land in Pittsford from

Lyons to Palmyra excellent land

Thursday 5th from Pittsford to Rochester 7 miles

to Parna on the Ridge roa--Clarkson to Murray

29 miles put up at Capt. Edward Perry's

expenses 27 cts.

Friday 6th assisted Mr. Perry got washing done

expenses 18 3/4 cents

Saturday 7th from Murray to Hartland

to Riplys Tavern - 6 cents expenses

Sabbath 8th to Royalton to Cambray to

Lewiston 76 miles from Rochester to Lewiston

Expenses this day including fifteen miles ride 31 1/2

to within one mile of the Niagara Falls

Monday 9th from Niagara to Buffaloe 24 miles

parted with my good friends Goodrich

Hall at Blackrock with whom I

had been in company from Rome

Went on board Capt. Martins Schooner bound

for Erie passage 75

Expenses this day 47 cents. A level clay and

poor watered country from Niagara to Buffaloe.

Tuesday 10 very sea sick beating up

the lake - put in to Dunkirk harbor

in Pomfret 45 miles from Buffaloe

Wednesday 11th be calmed on the lake

in company with Irishmen Roman Catholics
expenses 6 cts.

Thursday 12th landed a Erie 10 o'clock A.M.
traveled through Mills creek (the inhabitants
groaning with Fever & ague) through
Fairview to Springfield 20 miles expenses 15 cts

Friday 13th through Springfield the last-town
on that road in Pennsylvania Salem
Kingsville to Arestubula distance
30 miles expenses 50 cents

Saturday 14th through Salem in Ohio
Springfield in Pennsylvania Fairview
Mill Creek to Erie 30 miles distance expenses 6 cts.

Sabbath 15th went on board Schooner Liberty
capt. Skinner bound Black Rock passage 75 ct.
expenses this day 6 cts.

Monday 16th landed at Black Rock 12 o'clock
walked through Amherst Williams Ville
village to Clarence distance 17 miles
expenses 22 cents

Tuesday 17th through Clarence Pembroke Batavia
Stafford ---- Caledonia across Genesee River
to ---- 46 miles 10 miles rise put up at
Garsons Expenses 33 cents

Wednesday 18th through Avon Leima W & E
Bloomfield Canandagua Hopewell Seneca to
within 2 1/2 miles of Geneva distance 37 1/2 miles
2 mile ride expenses 9 cents

Thursday 19th through Geneva Fayette to Ovid 28 miles
between the Lakes Seneca & Cayuga a most beautiful country
but very drouthy expenses 25 cts.

Friday 20th Ovid Ithica _____ 25 miles
put up at Augustus Fiets expenses 25 cts.

Saturday 21st through Lansing Dryden to Virgil
25 miles Onango river

Sabbath 22nd through Virgil between
Harrison & Freetown Qihow hilly through
Scipio _____ McDonough to Oxford 30 miles
expenses 25 cents Ox is on the Chenango Creek

Monday 23rd through Oxford Guilford Unadilla
Sidney Franklin to _____ 37 miles expenses 28 cts.

Tuesday 24th through Meredith Cortright
_____ Stamford Blinkin Broom Schoharry 38 miles
expenses 25 cents

Wednesday 25 through Durham Cairo Katskill
over Hudson River to L _____ 36 miles expenses 34 cents

Thursday 26 through Livingstone Taughconic An
Northeast Salisbury to Canaan 35 miles expenses 45 cts.
a fine Country

Friday 27th through Canaan Cornwall Goshen
Litchfield Watertown to Waterbury 30 miles expenses 34 cts
A most beautiful country

Saturday 28 through Chesire Wallingford

Durham to Guilford in Connecticut
 30 miles expenses 37 cts.
 Land for sale in Livingston County Town of
 Mount _____ Morris for \$1.75 per acre
 Josiah Coan Guilford
 County of New Haven
 State of Connecticut

Copied from his own record made
 in 1822 now property of Gertrude Davis Kenyon

From Ohio State line to Erie	28 miles
to Buffalo	90 "
to Batavia	39 "
to Canandagua	48 "
to Geneva	16 "
to Ovid	20 "
to Ithica	26 "
to Oxford	52 "
to Unadilla	19 "
to Katskill	90 "
to Litchfield	53 "
to Guilford	46 "

527 miles

Josiah Coan's

LODOISKA⁵ COAN (Josiah⁴, Josiah³, John², Peter¹) was born February 6, 1814, the daughter of Josiah and Susan (Fowler) Coan. She married January 24, 1843, John Bartlett of North Guilford, the son of Samuel and Cynthia (Benton) Bartlett. Lodoiska died October 6, 1851, aged 37. John died September 12, 1854, aged 66.

Children (6) BARTLETT

- i. Samuel, b. Mar. 4, 1844, moved to Kansas
- ii. Josiah Walter, b. Feb. 19, 1848, moved to California
- iii. Catherine Lodoiska, b. Mar. 16, 1851

CATHERINE LODOISKA BARTLETT⁶, daughter of John and Lodoiska (Coan) Bartlett, was born March 16, 1851. November 23, 1871, she married Ira L. Fenn Dudley, born September 4, 1849.

Children (7) DUDLEY

- i. Alice, b. Dec. 17, 1872
- ii. Sophia, b. Nov. 8, 1875
- iii. John Bartlett, b. Nov. 4, 1879
- iv. Mary, b. Apr. 19, 1884
- v. Nancy, b. May 31, 1887; m. _____ Chittenden

CATHERINE⁵ COAN (Josiah⁴, Josiah³, John², Peter¹) daughter of Josiah and Susan (Fowler) Coan, was born at Madison, Connecticut, September 6, 1819. She married at Madison, June 28, 1841, Curtis Benton Bishop, son of Augustus and Mary (Walkley) Bishop. He was born at Madison March 18, 1818, and died in North Madison, June 19, 1875. She died at Guilford August 28, 1894. Augustus was a farmer and a Democrat. He served as colonel in the Connecticut Militia, but was not in the Civil War.

Children (6) BISHOP

- i. William Curtis, b. April 6, 1842
- ii. Ella Catherine, b. Jan. 10, 1845
- iii. Leonard Randolph, b. Aug. 30, 1846
- iv. Charles Edward, b. Apr. 24, 1848
- v. Isabelle C., b. July 4, 1850; m. Frederick Davis June 17, 1869; no children
- vi. Clara Walkley, b. Dec. 23, 1852
- vii. Frank Benjamin, b. Nov. 28, 1854

Reference: William Whitney Cone and George Allen Root, compilers, Record of the Descendants of John Bishop, one of the Founders of Guilford, Connecticut in 1639 (Nyack, New York: John Guy Bishop, 1951), p.73

WILLIAM CURTIS BISHOP⁶, son of Curtis Benton and Catherine (Coan) Bishop, was born in Madison, Connecticut April 6, 1842. He married Abby L. Davis, daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Benton) Davis at Guilford, January 15, 1868. She was born at Guilford, March 19, 1844. He was a farmer and a Prohibitionist. They resided at Guilford, Connecticut.

Children (7) BISHOP

- i. Henry Whitfield, b. Mar. 12, 1869; d. May 12, 1870
- ii. Mary Elizabeth, b. Apr. 22, 1870
- iii. Harriet Benton, b. Apr. 25, 1873; unmarried

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 125

MARY ELIZABETH BISHOP⁷, daughter of William Curtis and Abby L. (Davis) Bishop, was born at Guilford April 22, 1870. She married George H. Parmelee, son of Horace D. and Clarissa Parmelee, April 21, 1891. He was born at Guilford, September 26, 1868, and was a patent attorney. They resided at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Children: (8) PARMELEE

- i. Harry Bishop, b. Jan. 23, 1892, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- ii. Earl Linsley, b. Jan. 18, 1895, Washington, D.C.
- iii. William Horace, b. Jan. 21, 1898, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 176

ELLA CATHERINE BISHOP⁶, daughter of Curtis Benton and Catherine (Coan) Bishop, was born at North Madison, Connecticut, January 10, 1845. She married William Hubbard Davis, son of George B. and Harriet (Hubbard) Davis December 7, 1865. He was born at Guilford, December 1, 1838. They resided at New Haven, Connecticut.

Children (7) DAVIS

- i. Clara Gertrude, b. Mar. 9, 1871
- ii. Ralph Augustus, b. Sept. 21, 1878; m. Rose Fairchild; res. New Haven

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 125

CLARA GERTRUDE DAVIS⁷, daughter of William H. and Ella Catherine (Bishop) Davis, was born at Guilford, March 9, 1871. She married Albert James Kenyon, son of George J. and Lucinda Kenyon, Fair Haven, Connecticut, October 8, 1902. He was born at Bloomfield, Connecticut, July 1, 1871. He was a Republican and an attorney at law. They resided at Yonkers, New York.

Children (8) KENYON

- i. Esther Davis, b. Feb. 26, 1906
- ii. Elizabeth Wolcott, b. May 16, 1908
- iii. Roger Wolcott, b. Jan. 30, 1911

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 176

LEONARD RANDOLPH BISHOP⁶, son of Curtis Benton and Catherine (Coan) Bishop, was born at Madison, August 30, 1846. He married Rhoda Bailey, daughter of William and Lucy (Brooks) Bailey at Chester, Connecticut, November 1, 1877. She was born at Chester, July 25, 1855; died June 27, 1912.

He was selectman of Chester for nine years; Masonic order for 40 years, farmer. He died at Chester, December 13, 1914.

Children (7) BISHOP

- i. Frederick C., b. Mar. 29, 1879; m. Sadie Klein, Chester, Conn.
- ii. Nellie Lucy, b. July 26, 1880
- iii. Oliver Raymond, b. Feb. 25, 1883
- iv. Ada I., b. Sept. 1, 1884; m. Henry L. Leete; res. Chester, Conn.

- v. Catherine C., b. Dec. 30, 1889; drowned Aug. 19, 1906
- vi. Curtis B., b. Aug. 24, 1893; m. Susie Brown; res. Chester
- vii. Lina R., b. July 19, 1897; d. June 29, 1913
- viii. Randolph L., b. Aug. 18, 1900; unmarried; res. Chester

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, pp. 125, 126

NELLIE LUCY BISHOP⁷, daughter of Leonard Randolph and Rhoda (Bailey) Bishop, was born at Chester, Connecticut, July 26, 1880. She married Robert Carter, son of Charles E. and Julia Jennie (Stannard) Carter, at Chester, September 28, 1904. He was born October 22, 1880, at Clinton, Connecticut. He was a piano maker and a Republican. They resided at Ivoryton, Connecticut.

Children (8) CARTER

- i. Charles Merritt, b. Dec. 30, 1906

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 176

OLIVER RAYMOND BISHOP⁷, son of Leonard Randolph and Rhoda (Bailey) Bishop, was born at Clinton, Connecticut, February 25, 1883. He married Emma Klein, daughter of Edward Klein, December 27, 1911. She was born at Brooklyn, New York, December 29, 1882. They resided at Chester, Connecticut.

Children (8) BISHOP

- i. Elizabeth Annette, b. Nov. 14, 1912
- ii. Marjorie Frances, b. June 27, 1914

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 176

CHARLES EDWARD BISHOP⁶, son of Curtis Benton Bishop and Catherine (Coan) Bishop, was born in Madison, Connecticut, April 24, 1848. He married Viola R. Briggs of New York November 19, 1873. She was born July 21, 1850. They resided at Kingston, New York. He died January 3, 1895. They had no children.

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 126

CLARA WALKLEY BISHOP⁶, daughter of Curtis Benton Bishop and Catherine (Coan) Bishop, was born at North Madison, Connecticut, December 23, 1852. She married Ralph L. Parker, Octo-

ber 25, 1876. He was the son of Chatfield and Hannah (Linsley) Parker and was born at Guilford. He was a member of the Congregational Church and the New England Order of Protection. They resided at Guilford where she died September 9, 1913.

Children (7) PARKER

- i. Ruby Linsley, b. May 9, 1884; res. New Haven
- ii. John Curtis, b. Feb. 21, 1890; res. Guilford

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 126

FRANK BENJAMIN BISHOP⁶, son of Curtis Benton Bishop and Catherine (Coan) Bishop, was born at Madison, Connecticut, November 28, 1854. He married Lillian J. Norton, daughter of Newell and Josephine H. (Hill) Norton, June 26, 1875. She was born at Madison June 26, 1859. He was an assessor and a selectman of Madison from 1894 to 1899. He also represented Madison in the Connecticut Legislature. They resided at Guilford.

Children (7) BISHOP

- i. Robert Merton, b. Dec. 21, 1876; m. Emma B. Rogerson; res. Guilford
- ii. Maud Josephine, b. Nov. 27, 1878; m. Frederick W. Hall; res. Guilford
- iii. Charles W., b. July 27, 1885

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 126

WILLIAM⁴ COAN (Josiah³, John², Peter¹) was born December 21, 1790, in North Madison, Connecticut, the son of Josiah and Carine (Graves) Coan. He married March 21, 1815, Alpha Isbell, the widow of Elias Isbell. They had no children. William died June 12, 1867; Alpha, November 18, 1875. They were both buried in Rockland Cemetery in Madison.

Reference: Death Certificates: William and Alpha Coan, Madison, Conn.

ELISHA⁴ COAN (Josiah³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Madison, Connecticut, August 19, 1794, the son of Josiah and Carine (Graves) Coan. He married Maria Davis, widow of Marvin Davis, and daughter of Jeremiah Davis of North Madison. They moved to Pennsylvania about 1848 and died leaving no children.



Home of John⁴ Coan, North Guilford, Connecticut. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection

Children of
South District
August 1826

No 57

John A. Page
transferred to South
District

List of children's names from four years
old to sixteen in the south district
in South Guilford

Hannah Coan	Jerome Coan
Mary Bishop	Sarah Foster
Eliza Guinard	Mary Foster
Henri Guinard	Charles Foster
Sally Guinard	Laura C. Chittenden
Frank Guinard	James R. Dudley
Elizabeth Guinard	Judith Luther Dudley
Jane Guinard	Louis R. Dudley
John Guinard	Ruth F. Dudley
Mrs. Foster	Martha F. Dudley
Car. Hubbard	Elizabeth F. Dudley
Frederic Hubbard	William C. Dudley
Mariah Selby	Lewis W. Webb
Lewis M. Selby	

Partial list of 51 children in Fourth District, Guilford, Connecticut, 1826.
Note Hannah Coan, daughter of Abraham⁴ and Jerome Coan, son of John⁴.
Courtesy C.C. Potter Collection.

CATHERINE⁴ COAN (Josiah³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Madison, Connecticut, November 26, 1796, the daughter of Josiah and Carine (Graves) Coan. On December 20, 1815, she married Augustus Bartlett Dudley, who was born February 3, 1792, the son of Jared and Anna (Bartlett) Dudley. Augustus and Catherine went to Ohio where she died February 11, 1817, aged 20. She supposedly left one son, but he must have died as an infant since no son by her is listed in the Dudley genealogy. Augustus married second Miriam Linsley of North Branford, Connecticut, the daughter of Dr. Reuben Linsley. They had three sons and a daughter.

Reference: Dean Dudley, History of the Dudley Family, Number 1 (Wakefield, Massachusetts: Dean Dudley, Publisher, 1886), p. 381.

PETER⁴ COAN (Josiah³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Madison, Connecticut, September 11, 1799, the son of Josiah and Carine (Graves) Coan. On April 25, 1820, he married Abigail Camp of Middletown. The Reverend Thomas Branch performed the ceremony. Peter died December 8, 1836, aged 37. He was buried in Rockland Cemetery, Madison. Abigail married second Joel Rix of Griswold April 10, 1839. The Reverend Horace Bartlett performed the ceremony.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Jane
- ii. Emily

Reference: Connecticut Vital Records, Middletown, 1651-1854 (Barbour Collection, Connecticut State Library, 1924) pp. 85, 106.

Headstone Inscriptions, Madison, Connecticut (Charles R. Hale Collection, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut, 1937).

RACHEL⁴ COAN (Josiah³, John², Peter¹) was born September 27, 1805, in North Madison, Connecticut, the daughter of Josiah and Carine (Graves) Coan. She married Danforth Stevens.

Children (5) STEVENS

- i. Hannah, m. _____ Strong, Norwich
- ii. Catharine, m. William M. White, Fair Haven
- iii. Rachel, died in childhood
- iv. Anna, died in childhood
- v. Josiah, died in boyhood
- vi. William, died in Civil War, 14th Regiment, Conn. Volunteers
- vii. Peter, died in boyhood
- viii. Elisha, died in boyhood

HANNAH⁴ COAN (Josiah³, John², Peter¹) was born June 8, 1809, in North Madison, Connecticut, daughter of Josiah and Carine (Graves) Coan. She married February 13, 1838, Samuel Butler Hill, born September 25, 1805, the son of Joseph and Hester (Butler) Hill of North Madison.

Children (5) HILL

- i. Eugene Childs Hill, b. Mar. 14, 1845; m. Emma Gladwin; resided in Fair Haven; had one child

JOHN³ COAN (John², Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, January 27, 1763, the son of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. He married Hannah Stevens, daughter of John and Desire (Fowler) Stevens. During the Revolutionary War he was a private in Captain Peter Vaill's Company of guards stationed at Guilford for defense of the seacoast. He enlisted November 14, 1781, and served one month. At age 77 in 1840 he was named among the Revolutionary War Pensioners. He was blind the last years of his life and died November 16, 1845, aged 82. He and Hannah were buried in the cemetery in North Guilford.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Hannah, b. 1787
- ii. John, b. Aug. 23, 1789
- iii. Henrietta, b. June, 1794; d. Sept. 24, 1795
- iv. Eilean, d. aged 3 months
- v. Abraham, b. Aug. 1797

Reference: Gravestone, cemetery, North Guilford, Conn.

HANNAH⁴ COAN (John³, John², Peter¹) was born in 1787, the daughter of John and Hannah (Stevens) Coan. On January 1, 1812, she married Joseph Fowler of Northford, Connecticut. He was born in 1785, the son of Josiah and Teraiah (Kirkham) Fowler. He died, aged 50, December 19, 1835.

Children (5) FOWLER

- i. Henrietta Admonia

JOHN⁴ COAN (John³, John², Peter¹) was born August 23, 1789, the son of John and Hannah (Stevens) Coan. He married in 1809 Phebe Ann Fowler, who was born February 22, 1791, the daughter of Bildad and Sarah (Bartlett) Fowler. She died, aged 30, September 19, 1821. September 22, 1829, John married second Betsy Hart of Wallingford, Connecticut, who was born August 4, 1803, the daughter of Amos Hart. She died, aged 69, March 15, 1873. John died, aged 81, July 26, 1871.

North Madison June 28. 1841.
To the Town Clerk of Madison
I hereby Certify that Curtis Bishop
of Madison and Catherine Coan of
Hillingford were lawfully married on
the 27th instant —
Judson A. Root
Minister of the Gospel
Rec'd for Record June 28.th 1841.
is faithfully entered. Attest M. Munger, Twp. Clk.

Record of the marriage of Catherine^s Coan and Curtis Bishop, June 28, 1841.

I hereby Certify that I married Mr. Samuel
Butler Hill to Miss Hannah Coan both of
Madison on the 13.th of February, A.D. 1838.
Simon Leranton Minister of the Gospel
Rec'd for Record & Recorded April 1.st 1839.
Attest M. P. Munger Town Clerk

Record of the marriage of Hannah Coan and Samuel Butler Hill,
February 13, 1838.



Gravestone of John³ Coan, cemetery, North Guilford, Connecticut. Note flag indicating his service in the Revolutionary War.
Photo by Gillian Rose.



Gravestone of two daughters of John³ and Hannah Stevens Coan. Photo by Gillian Rose.

Children (5) COAN by Phebe

- i. Samuel, d. young
- ii. Enard, bpt. Apr. 25, 1813, Captain of a whale ship in 1870
- iii. Jerome, b. 1815; d. July 26, 1829 of lockjaw
- iv. Abraham, b. June 11, 1817; d. 1848 single in New Orleans
- v. Julia Ann Spencer, b. 1821

by Betsy

- vi. Phebe E., b. June 16, 1830
- vii. Jerome, a twin, b. June 19, 1834
- viii. Joseph, a twin, b. June 19, 1834

JULIA ANN SPENCER⁵ COAN (John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) was born March 4, 1821, the daughter of John and Phebe Ann (Fowler) Coan. She married November 25, 1841, the Reverend Seth S. Chapin, who was born in Somers, Connecticut, October 10, 1820, son of the Reverend Reuben and Lovisa (Russell) Chapin of Marshall, Michigan. January 21, 1876, Julia died at St. Johns, Michigan. Seth married second Mary Ann Stephenson and had several more children. He died at St. Johns June 30, 1910.

Children (6) CHAPIN

- i. Edward Cornelius, b. July 3, 1844; m. May, 1874; d. Oct. 23, 1920
- ii. Mary Louisa, b. July 8, 1846; m. Dec. 25, 1874; d. Feb. 23, 1876
- iii. Charles Enard, b. Apr. 19, 1848; m. same time as Mary--Dec. 25, 1874; d. Jan. 25, 1922
- iv. John Bromham, b. Oct. 21, 1851
- v. William Alonzo, b. Aug. 8, 1854; d. June 17, 1874
- vi. Robert Alexander Hallam, b. Nov. 8, 1857; d. Apr. 19, 1875
- vii. Anna Rebecca, b. Aug. 1, 1863

Reference: Gilbert Warren Chapin, The Chapin Book (Hartford, Conn.: Chapin Family Association, 1924), Vol. I, p. 864.

PHEBE E.⁵ COAN (John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, June 6, 1830, the daughter of John and Betsy (Hart) Coan. November 14, 1847, she married Orrin Potter, born in 1826, the son of Lyman and Mary M. (Landcraft) Potter of Hamden, Connecticut. Phebe and Orrin made their home in Fair Haven, Connecticut, where he worked for many years as a ship sawyer for Baldwin & Gesner in the yards of that town.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted at East Haven, Connecticut, August 16, 1862, in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers. He participated in the following battles: Fredericksburg, Virginia, Edenton Road, Virginia; Providence Church Road, Virginia; siege of Suffolk, Virginia; and Kingston, North Carolina, where he was taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison. He was paroled March 26, 1865, and his term of enlistment expired soon after he received an honorable discharge from the army.

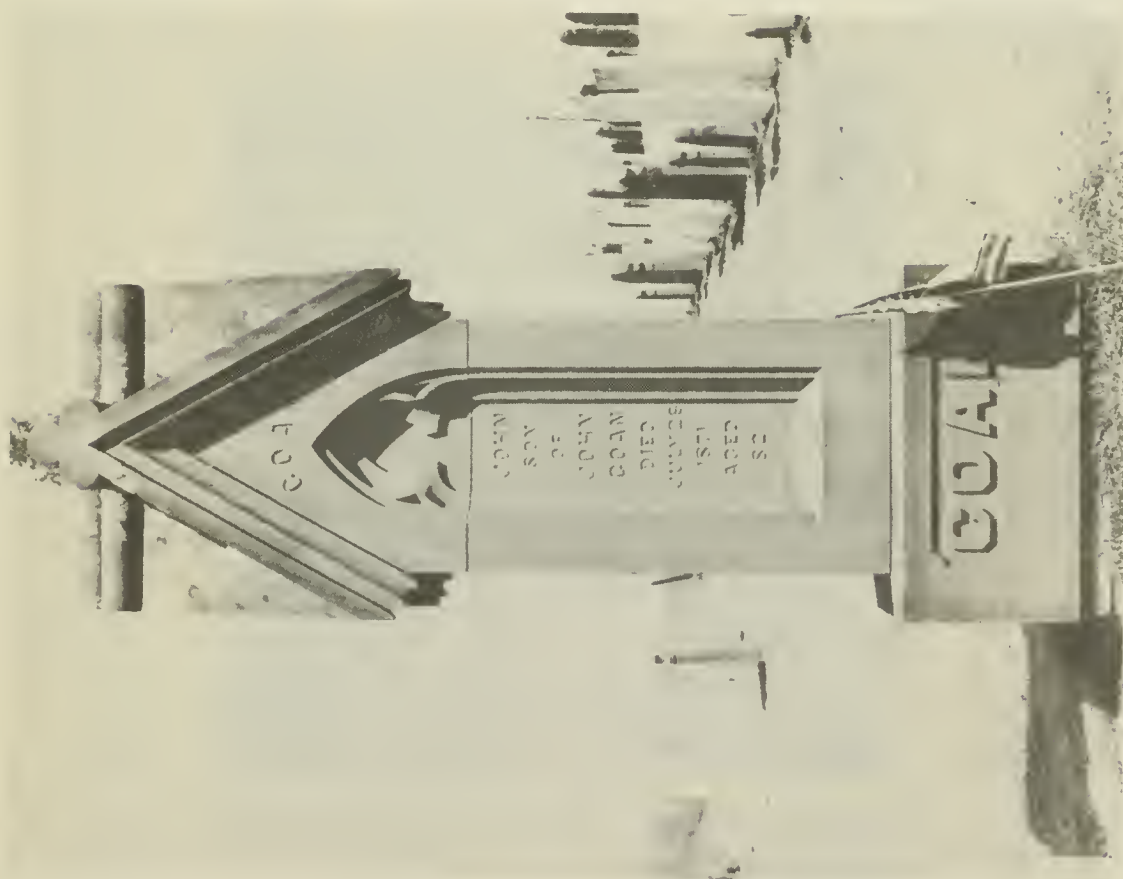
Orrin was a watchman in the city market of Fair Haven for sixteen years. It was during his service there that the building was burned by a discharge of fireworks. Phebe and Orrin celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary November 17, 1897. He was a member of Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Second Congregational Church. He died in Fair Haven July 27, 1901, aged 75. Of his death Phebe wrote: "For about seven months he was obligated to set up in a chair with his feet in a tub to receive the water that oozed from his limbs. He could not breath lying down. The disease was dropsy."

Phebe was a member of Pilgrim Church. She died April 12, 1907, aged 76, after being an invalid for two years. She and Orrin were both buried in the cemetery at East Haven, Connecticut.

Children (6) POTTER

- i. Elbert B., b. March 1, 1849
- ii. Emily Elizabeth, b. May 27, 1851; m. John Hare of New Haven, Connecticut, June 16, 1872; d. Mar. 5, 1922, aged 70
- iii. Elizabeth Adella, b. May 20, 1852; d. Aug. 23, 1854
- iv. Jerome Coan, b. Dec. 19, 1854; m. Emma Chivers of Georgia
- v. Orrin Eugene, b. Aug. 19, 1856
- vi. Joseph Walter, b. Mar. 15, 1860
- vii. Lottie Sherwood, b. Nov. 27, 1866; d. Feb. 12, 1874
- viii. Myron Clifford, b. Dec. 21, 1868; d. Dec. 19, 1870
- ix. Ernest Hemingway, b. Aug. 5, 1872

ELBERT B. POTTER⁶, son of Orrin and Phebe (Coan) Potter, was born March 1, 1849. He married first Sarah R. Hemingway of East Haven, Connecticut. She died on September 18, 1872. He married second Mary E. Field of North Guilford on April 18, 1875. He married third Mary Brown. They lived in North Guilford and Guilford, Connecticut. Mary died January 10, 1934.



(left) Second side of John³ Coan gravestone. John⁴ Coan buried here also. Flag is for service of John³ in Revolutionary War. Photo by Gillian Rose. (right) Home of Orrin and Phebe Coan Potter, 17 Quinpiac Street, Fair Haven (New Haven), Connecticut. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection



Sons of Phebe Coan Potter, 1915. (left to right) Joseph Walter, Ernest Hemingway, Jerome Coan; Seated: Elbert B. Courtèsy C. C. Potter Collection



Phebe Coan Potter and Orrin on their golden wedding anniversary, 1897. Courtèsy C. C. Potter Collection

Children (7) POTTER -- Children of Mary Field

- i. Elbert E.
- ii. Anna Elizabeth, m. Frank Snow of North Branford, Conn.

Reference: C. C. Potter, 709 County Road, Guilford, CT 06437

ORRIN EUGENE POTTER⁶, son of Orrin and Phebe (Coan) Potter, was born in Fair Haven, Connecticut, August 19, 1856. On May 7, 1878, he married Kittie May Johnson of New Haven. He was an engineer at National Wire Corporation until the company closed, and then was employed by Lancraft Brothers. His memberships included Quinnipiac Lodge, I.O.O.F., and Royal Areamum. Orrin died November 30, 1909, aged 53.

JOSEPH WALTER POTTER⁶, son of Orrin and Phebe (Coan) Potter, was born in Fair Haven, Connecticut, March 15, 1860. He married first May Cheever of New Haven; second, Ione Chivers. For twenty-five years he was night watchman of Guilford. He served the borough as bailiff and was tax collector and constable of Guilford. In 1905 he was doorkeeper of the House of Representatives in Hartford. His affiliations included Menuncatuck Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Maida Rebekah Lodge, Loyal Union, Hollis Encampment. He died February 14, 1934, and was buried in Aldebrook Cemetery, Guilford, Connecticut.

Children (7) POTTER

- i. Pearl
- ii. Herbert

ERNEST HEMINGWAY POTTER⁶, son of Orrin and Phebe (Coan) Potter, was born August 5, 1872, in Fair Haven, Connecticut. He married December 24, 1901, Mabel E. Chittenden, daughter of Dwight and Luella Amelia (Rossiter) Chittenden of North Guilford, Connecticut. They resided in New Haven where Ernest was employed by Winchester Arms Company. He was active in the Masons and the Odd Fellows. On June 16, 1922, he died of pulmonary embolism. Mabel died March 24, 1951, of heart trouble.

Children (7) POTTER

- i. Dwight Edgar, b. Apr. 22, 1903
- ii. Clarence Chittenden, b. Nov. 3, 1905
- iii. Robert, b. July 18, 1907; an invalid; d. May 30, 1951, Southbury, Conn.
- iv. Marion Luella, b. Mar. 4, 1910

Reference: C. C. Potter

DWIGHT EDGAR POTTER⁷, son of Ernest Hemingway and Mabel (Chittenden) Potter, was born in New Haven, Connecticut, April 22, 1903. He married Almira E. Kautz of Hamden September 8, 1928. They resided in Hamden. He was active in the Boy Scouts and received the Silver Beaver award in 1951. He worked forty-four years, until his retirement, for the Southern New England Telephone Company. On March 13, 1973, he died of injuries received in an auto collision in Florida. Almira died of cancer October 18, 1981.

Children (8) POTTER

- i. Carol Elizabeth, b. July 26, 1932
- ii. David Dwight, a twin, b. July 6, 1935
- iii. Donald Wilmer, a twin, b. July 6, 1935

Reference: C. C. Potter

CAROL ELIZABETH POTTER⁸, daughter of Dwight Edgar and Almira E. (Kautz) Potter, was born July 26, 1932. She married June 19, 1954, Robert S. Shaw of Atlanta, Georgia. They resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Children (9) SHAW

- i. David R., b. Oct. 19, 1955
- ii. Victoria E., b. Jan. 5, 1959; m. Eugene Homer James July 12, 1980
- iii. Patricia E., b. July 18, 1961

Reference: C. C. Potter

DAVID R. Shaw⁹, son of Robert S. and Carol Elizabeth (Potter) Shaw, was born October 19, 1955. He married August 29, 1976, Carol Ann Jentzer. They lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Children (10) SHAW

- i. Rebekah Ann, b. Sept. 21, 1977

Reference: C. C. Potter

DAVID DWIGHT POTTER⁸, twin brother of Donald Wilmer Potter and son of Dwight Edgar and Almira E. (Kautz), was born July 6, 1935. He married on November 26, 1960, Kathryn Post of New Haven, Connecticut. They lived in Guilford, Connecticut.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

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Engraved and Printed at the

Dept. of the Interior

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws
of the United States Phoebe E. Potter
Widow of Orrin Potter, who was
a Private Co. E. 15 Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Inf.
is entitled to a pension under the provisions of the

Act of June 27, 1890.

at the rate of Eight dollars per month, to commence on the
ninth day of August 1901, and to continue
during her widowhood.

Given at the Department of the Interior this
second day of April
one thousand nine hundred and two.
and of the Independence of the United States
of America the one hundred and twenty sixth.

Ethan A. Hitchcock.
Secretary of the Interior.

M. D. Cray Countersigned.

M. D. Cray
Commissioner of Pensions.



(left) Ernest Hemingway Potter. (right) Mabel Chittenden Potter between the graves of her Chittenden great, great, great grandparents; cemetery, North Guilford, Connecticut. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection.

Children (9) POTTER

- i. Debora Ann, b. Mar. 30, 1962
- ii. Tracy Kathryn, b. Dec. 23, 1963
- iii. Steven Dwight, b. Mar. 8, 1967

Reference: C. C. Potter

DONALD WILMER POTTER⁸, twin brother of David Dwight Potter and son of Dwight Edgar and Almira E. (Kautz), was born July 6, 1935. He married on October 24, 1959, Sheila J. Hishon of Rowayton, Connecticut. They lived in Branford.

Children (9) POTTER

- i. Robin Elizabeth, b. Nov. 8, 1962
- ii. Carolyn Jean, b. Sept. 6, 1970

Reference: C. C. Potter

CLARENCE CHITTENDEN POTTER⁷, son of Ernest Hemingway and Mabel (Chittenden) Potter, was born November 3, 1905, in New Haven, Connecticut. He married Signe E. Smith of Branford, Connecticut, September 10, 1938. He worked forty-five years for the Southern New England Telephone Company and was a plant staff supervisor in New Haven when he retired. He enjoyed farming and raised Hereford cattle. Too young for World War I and too old for World War II, he was a member of Company A, 102nd Regiment, Connecticut National Guard.

He was a charter member of the North Guilford Volunteer Fire Company, member of the Board of Finance of the North Guilford Congregational Church, committee man and leader in the Boy Scouts, member of the Guilford Board of Education, and of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Interested in Guilford history, some of his collection of early documents, records, and photographs were used as illustrations in this book. In 1982 he and Signe resided in North Guilford across the road from the house which he built at the time of their marriage.

Children (8) POTTER

- i. Susan Elizabeth, b. Apr. 24, 1942; resided in Branford, Conn.; employed by Southern New England Telephone Company, New Haven, in engineering (1982)

Reference: C. C. Potter

MARION LUELLA POTTER⁷, daughter of Ernest Hemingway and Mabel (Chittenden) Potter, was born in New Haven, Connecticut,

March 4, 1910. On February 3, 1948, she married Frank M. Sheehan of West Haven. She was assistant librarian for the city of New Haven and for many years librarian for the Southern New England Telephone Company. She died of cancer April 30, 1948.

Reference: C. C. Potter

JOSEPH⁵ COAN (John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, June 19, 1834, a twin son of John and Phebe Ann (Fowler) Coan. On May 7, 1856, he married Lydia Elizabeth Hall, who was born January 29, 1836, in Guilford, Connecticut. She was the daughter of George Hall. August 9, 1862, Joseph enlisted in the army. On August 25, 1862, he was mustered into the Fifteenth Regiment, Company E. About one month later, on September 17, he wrote his sister Phebe that he was at Camp Chase where he held "the honorable situation as cook...for ninety-six men." In the same letter he wrote: "We have heard of the deaths of the Guilford Boys that went in the 14th. Poor fellows they little thought when they left home that they should be called to die so soon on the Battle Field." In less than two months he himself died of typhoid fever, one of 249,458 in the Union army who died of disease and accident in the Civil War, over twice as many as were killed or died of wounds.

His wife Lydia never remarried and lived the rest of her life in Guilford where she was very active in community affairs. She was a member of the Third Church where she was leader of the Junior Endeavor Society, active in the Sunday School, and a dedicated worker in the Ladies' Missionary and Benevolent Societies. She was a member of the Relief Corps of Parmelee Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the United Workers for Public Improvement. In both these organizations she was made an honored member.

Joseph died November 7, 1862, at Fairfax Seminary, Virginia; Lydia, July 4, 1900, in Guilford. Her obituary states: "Her life was a continued round of good deeds, and her cheery voice and helpful hands brought gladness to many a weary soul." In Henry Pyncheon Robinson's book, Guilford Portraits, (New Haven, CT: Pease-Lewis Co., 1907) p. 59, the following tribute to Lydia appears:

MRS. LYDIA ELIZABETH COAN

January 29, 1836--July 4, 1900

Here gently rests, in peace and full regret,
One whose place voiceless, remains vacant yet,
Whose large affections altruistic shone,
Who sought the good of others as her own,
Kind, cheering words arise again to me,
Words that she uttered generous and free;



Dwight Edgar Potter



Clarence Chittenden Potter



Marion Luella Potter

1862
Cousin Charles Friday 17th
Dear Sister
I suppose
you are almost mad because I
don't write but I think you will
excuse me when I have told you
the many reasons why

Jerome wants I should say
that he has received two
letters from mother or you
I don't know which with postage
& thanks in them, we have
heard of the deaths of
the Guilford Boys that
went in the 14th Nov. follows
they little thought when they
left home that they should
be called to die so soon on
the Battle Field Peace be to
their souls and God have mercy
on their friends at home
I think of nothing more to
write about this time for mine
are for not writing before
Give my love to all
Write soon

Yours ever
Brother Albee

Letter written during the Civil War by Joseph Coan to his sister Phebe September 17, 1862. Note how he mentions deaths of "Guilford Boys that... little thought when they left home that they should die so soon." He died himself November 7, 1862. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection

Sincere, spontaneous as the wafted air,
 With joyous smile and glad eye, beaming fair.
 Yet more with works than words she filled these ways,
 While fast the sands of life ran out her days;
 Who, to the public weal, her service lent,
 A publicist indeed with best intent,
 With clear intelligence to understand
 The full nobility of Christ's command.
 So lavish of her talents, time and health,
 She was long potent in our village wealth.
 Her name gave warrant to an enterprise,
 Of social purpose here and otherwise
 Indexed her value in our common care,
 Of which, alas! death makes us so aware.

Children (6) COAN

i. Maria Elizabeth, b. Feb. 23, 1857

MARIA ELIZABETH⁶ COAN⁵ (Joseph⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, February 23, 1857, the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Hall) Coan. On November 12, 1879, she married Clifford Forest Bishop, born in Guilford September 17, 1856, the son of Edward Richard and Elizabeth F. (Stannard) Bishop. They were members of the Congregational Church where he was superintendent of the Sunday School for seventeen years. He was a Republican and was prosecuting officer of Guilford for fifteen years. His occupation was that of plumber and metal worker. He died April 11, 1909. They had no children.

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 150

JEROME⁵ COAN⁴ (John³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, June 19, 1834, a twin son of John and Phebe Ann (Fowler) Coan. March 23, 1856, he married Frances D. Griswold, who was born September 9, 1838, daughter of Russell M. and Polly F. (Hill) Griswold; and died February 1, 1857. He and his twin brother Joseph enlisted at the same time, August 9, 1862, to fight in the Civil War. They were both mustered into Company E of the 15th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers on August 25, 1862. He was soon promoted to corporal. September 14, 1864, because of illness he was transferred to the 41st Company, 2nd Battalion, of the Veteran Reserve Corps. He was discharged from the service August 8, 1865.

After the war he returned to North Guilford and opened a general store which he operated for the rest of his life. His supply wagon was a familiar sight in the outlying districts. September 14, 1869, he married for the second time. His bride was Mary F. Judd, born August 18, 1846, the daughter of Henry G. and Sarah (Raymond) Judd of North Guilford.

He was an active worker for the interests of the community and concerned about the welfare of the whole town. He was one of the best known men in North Guilford where he settled many estates and was thoroughly conversant with town affairs. He was a member of North Guilford Congregational Church; of Parmelee Post, Grand Army of the Republic; of St. Albans Lodge, F. & A. M. of Guilford; and of the Guilford Agricultural Society, of which he was at one time a vice president. At the 250th anniversary of the founding of Guilford in 1889 he served on the hospitality committee and contributed to the collections and displays of antique items.

Jerome died of Bright's disease at North Guilford November 4, 1899, aged 65. His twin brother Joseph died in the Civil War just thirty-seven years before the day on which Jerome was buried. Mary died March 28, 1908. They were both buried in the cemetery in North Guilford.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Joseph Franklin, b. Aug. 19, 1870
- ii. Fannie Louise, b. Nov. 16, 1873

JOSEPH FRANKLIN⁶ COAN (Jerome⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, August 19, 1870, the son of Jerome and Mary F. (Judd) Coan. He was named for his father's twin brother Joseph, who was killed in the Civil War. While his father lived, he assisted him in conducting a well-known grocery business in North Guilford. After his father's death he sold the business and became an electrician. He was employed in Waterbury, Connecticut, by the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company until he purchased a wire business in the same city. He had marked musical ability and played both piano and violin. While in North Guilford, he organized and led an orchestra which was much in demand in that vicinity. He was also a composer. Best known of his compositions are "American Beauty Waltz" and "Golden Eagle March and Two-Step." Shortly before he died, the march was broadcast by the United States Army Band in Washington, D.C.

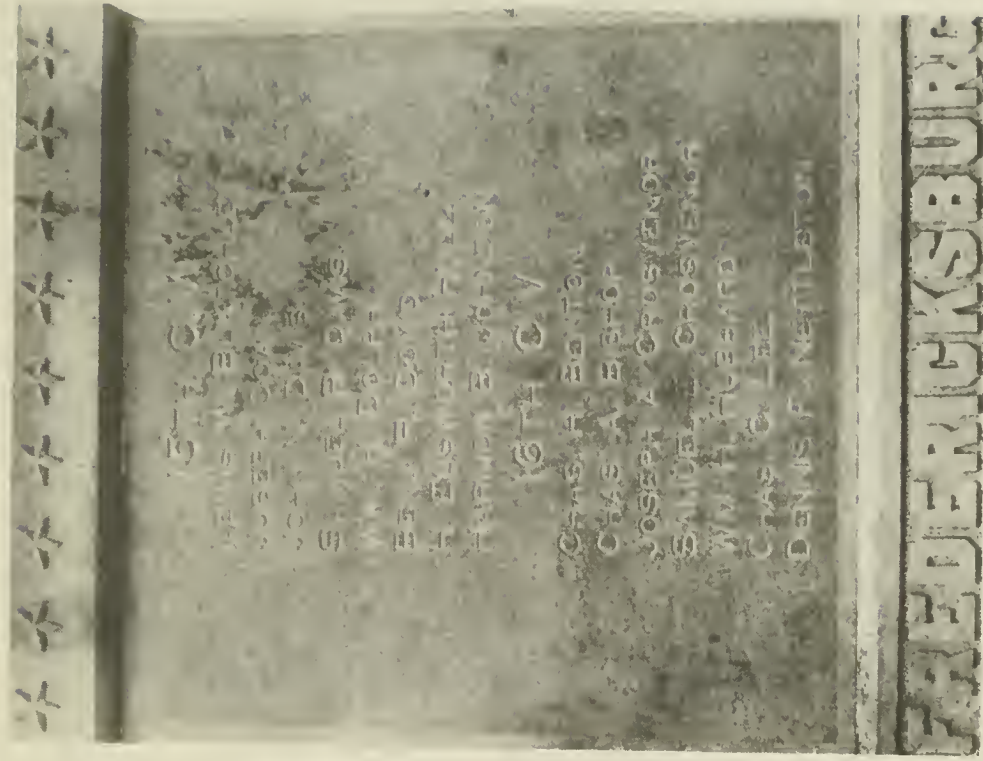
He never married and died in New Haven, Connecticut, November 30, 1933, in Dr. Evans's private hospital. He was buried in North Guilford Cemetery.

FANNIE LOUISE⁶ COAN (Jerome⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, November 16, 1873, the daughter of Jerome and Mary F. (Judd) Coan. She married January 1, 1901, at her home in North Guilford, Charles Olcott Bartlett, who was born January 22, 1877, in North Guilford, the son of Cyrus D. Bartlett.

Music was a very important part of Fannie's life. She played the North Guilford Episcopal Church organ when she



*Civil War monument, Guilford, Connecticut. Note name of Joseph Coan inscribed with those who died.
Photo by Gillian Rose.*



Lincoln General Hospital
Washington D.C.
Feb 23^d 1863

Dear Sister

Yours of the 19th inst
I have just received and
have just finished a letter to
Orrin and I hasten to pen
a few words to you in answer
to your kind and welcome letter

a few days ago I shall write to
Mother in a few days I want you
keep an eye on Mother and if she
is in need of any money let me
know and I will send an order
on the Savings Bank for some
for her give my love to all and
write soon

From your loving Brother
Jerome

Letter written during the Civil War by Jerome Coan to his sister Phebe.
Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection.

was 14 years old. Her brother Joseph played the violin, and she played the piano in an orchestra for dancing. When her children were young, she was church organist for the North Guilford Congregational Church. Later she was a choir member at North Haven Congregational Church and pianist for the North Haven Grange.

Charles was a farmer and until 1928 operated C. O. Bartlett & Sons Dairy in North Guilford. According to C. C. Potter of Guilford, Charles's haytruck was the first North Guilford school bus. After he left the dairy business, he was co-owner of Bartlett Hair Spring Wire Company in North Haven. Charles was a member of North Haven Congregational Church and sang in the choir. He served as treasurer of the North Haven Grange and the New Haven County Pomona Grange. He was a Mason in the Corinthian Lodge and one of the founding members of the North Haven Fair Association.

Fannie died in September, 1954; and Charles died January 8, 1956.

Children (7) BARTLETT

- i. Joseph Coan, b. March 7, 1908
- ii. Robert Jerome, b. May 26, 1914

Reference: Robert J. Bartlett, 88 Kings Highway, North Haven, CT 06473

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JOSEPH COAN BARTLETT⁷, the son of Charles Olcott and Fannie (Coan) Bartlett, was born March 7, 1908, in North Guilford, Connecticut. He was educated in the Guilford public schools and at New York Electrical School. October 18, 1947, he married Laura Waldon, the daughter of Benjamin Waldon. He was self-employed, a co-owner of Bartlett Hair Spring Wire Company in North Haven. His hobbies were photography, travel, and country fairs. The North Haven Fair Association listed him as one of its founders. Other affiliations included the North Haven Methodist Church, North Haven Grange, and the Rotary Club. Joseph died January 24, 1965. He and Laura had no children.

Reference: Robert J. Bartlett

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ROBERT JEROME BARTLETT⁷, the son of Charles Olcott and Fannie (Coan) Bartlett, was born May 26, 1914, in North Guilford, Connecticut. He received his early education in Guilford and was graduated from Boardman Trade School in New Haven. April 24, 1937, in North Haven Congregational Church, he married Harriet Field, the daughter of Edmund M. and May (Benton) Field. He was a self-employed electrician at Bartlett Hair Spring Wire Company, North Haven, of which he was a co-owner. His hobbies included travel and woodworking. He

was a member of North Haven Congregational Church, North Haven Grange, North Haven Auxiliary Police, and North Haven Fair Association.

Children (8) BARTLETT

- i. Roberta Joan, b. Mar. 12, 1943
- ii. Joyce May, b. Oct. 26, 1948

ROBERTA JOAN BARTLETT⁸, the daughter of Robert Jerome and Harriet (Field) Bartlett, was born March 12, 1943. October 7, 1964, she married David M. O'Connell in Washington, D.C. In 1982 they resided in Madison, Connecticut.

Children (9) O'CONNELL

- i. Michael David, b. Apr. 6, 1965
- ii. Kathleen Ann, b. Oct. 29, 1966

Reference: Robert J. Bartlett

JOYCE MAY BARTLETT⁸, daughter of Robert Jerome and Harriet (Field) Bartlett, was born October 26, 1948. April 18, 1973, in June Lake, California, she married James P. Curran. In 1982 they resided in Guilford, Connecticut.

Children (9) CURRAN

- i. Jacob Robert Bartlett, b. June 17, 1977
- ii. Molly Rachel Bartlett, b. Mar. 28, 1981

Reference: Robert J. Bartlett

ABRAHAM⁴ COAN (John³, John², Peter¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, August, 1797, the son of John and Hannah (Stevens) Coan. On November 25, 1818, he married Eunice Cook, who was born September 29, 1796, the daughter of Kilbourne Cook. They lived in New Haven. Eunice died May 29, 1859; Abraham, January 4, 1875, aged 77.

Children (5) COAN

- i. George W., b. Nov., 1819; d. July 4, 1821
- ii. *Hannah Elizabeth, b. Nov. 28, 1820
- iii. *Emma Almira, d. June 10, 1835
- iv. George Porter, b. Dec. 25, 1822; d. young
- v. *Douglass William, b. July, 1825
- vi. *Abraham Sherwood, b. May 15, 1829



Coan Store in North Guilford, Connecticut. Man in the picture was a Coan, probably Jerome. Courtesy Martin Wright.



Jerome Coan and his grocery supply wagon. Courtesy Robert Jerome Bartlett.



Joseph⁶ Coan on the right playing cards with Ruth Chittenden across from him, her sister Mabel Chittenden Potter, and Ernest Hemingway Potter. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection



Wedding picture of Fannie Louise Coan and Charles Olcott Bartlett, 1901. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection.



Joseph Coan Bartlett, Fannie Louise Coan Bartlett, Charles Olcott Bartlett holding Robert Jerome Bartlett. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection.

HANNAH ELIZABETH⁵ COAN (Abraham⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) was born November 28, 1820, the daughter of Abraham and Eunice (Cook) Coan. She married the Reverend Horace Addison Taylor of Clarindon, Ohio, January 13, 1841. H. G. Ludlow, pastor of Church Street Church, New Haven, Connecticut, performed the ceremony. Hannah died in Berlin, Prussia, December 1, 1879, in the family of her son-in-law, Professor Henry Eddy of Cincinnati.

Children (6) TAYLOR

- i. Addison C., d. Mar. 14, 1863, from wounds received at Battle of Fredericksburg. He was about 22 years old.
- ii. Sebella Elizabeth, b. Oct. 13, 1844
- iii. Douglass, m. in Chicago

Reference: Ruth Story Devereux Eddy, comp., The Eddy Family in America (Boston, Mass.: n.p., 1930), pp. 322, 511.
Vital Records of New Haven 1649-1850 (Hartford: The Connecticut Society of the Founders and Patriots of America, 1917), Part II, p. 915.

SEBELLA ELIZABETH TAYLOR⁶, the daughter of Horace Addison and Hannah Elizabeth (Coan) Taylor, was born in Morgan, Ash-tabula County, Ohio, October 13, 1844. On January 4, 1870, at New Haven, Connecticut, she married Henry Turner Eddy who was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts, June 9, 1844, the son of Henry and Cordelia (Wood) Eddy.

Henry was graduated from Yale in 1867 and showed a special aptitude in mathematics by taking first prize in every competition. He entered the engineering course at Sheffield Scientific School at New Haven and received the degree of Ph.B. in 1868. He was instructor in mathematics and Latin at the University of Tennessee and from 1869 to 1873 was assistant professor in mathematics and civil engineering at Cornell. While there, he received the degree of Ph.D., the first ever conferred by that University. He was at Princeton in 1873 and the following year was elected to fill the chair of mathematics, astronomy, and civil engineering at the new University of Cincinnati. While connected with this university, he studied abroad at the University of Berlin, the Sorbonne, and the College de France, at Paris. In 1890 he declined the presidency of the Cincinnati University and accepted that of Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1894, he became professor of engineering and mechanics at the University of Minnesota and in 1906 was made dean of the graduate school of that institution. In 1912 he retired with the title of professor and dean emeritus and devoted himself to the publication of his research work. He was a member of the honorary societies of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi and he belonged to many of the scientific

and engineering societies in many of which he held office. He is the author of many works in mathematics and science.

Sebella died September 3, 1921, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Henry died December 11, 1921.

Children (7) EDDY

- i. Ruth Elizabeth, b. Sept. 20, 1871, at Ithaca, N.Y.
- ii. Horace Taylor, b. May 25, 1874, at Princeton, N.J.
- iii. Esther Mabel, b. July 20, 1876, at Cincinnati, Ohio
- iv. Beatrice Emogene, b. Dec. 10, 1886, at Cincinnati
- v. Helen Frances, b. July 23, 1888, at Guilford, Conn.

Reference: Eddy, The Eddy Family, pp. 322, 511, 512.

⁵ DOUGLASS WILLIAM ⁴ COAN (Abraham³, John², John¹, Peter¹) was born July, 1825, the son of Abraham and Eunice (Cook) Coan. He married in Port Chester, New York, Sarah Jane Babcock, who was born at Oak Park, Illinois, May 18, 1824, the daughter of John and Sally (Chamberlain) Babcock. Douglass and Sarah lived in Oak Park when Douglass died in 1902.

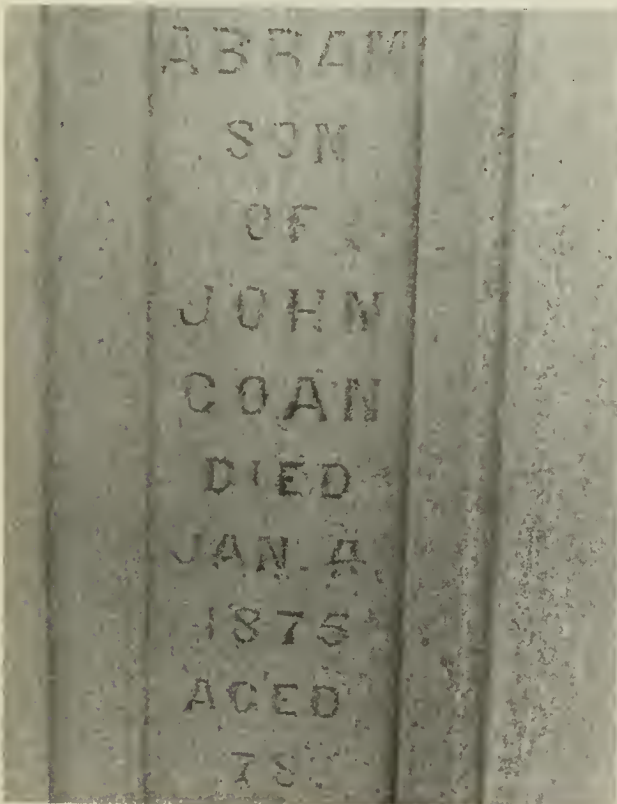
⁵ ABRAHAM SHERWOOD COAN, alias S. C. CAMPBELL, (Abraham⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, May 15, 1829, the son of Abraham and Eunice (Cook) Coan. When he was a youth, his family moved to New Haven, and there he learned the trade of carriage trimming from Stephen Gilbert. He was a member of the National Blues, and his baritone voice made him a valued singer in several glee clubs and serenade associations.

It was not long before he attracted the attention of the manager of the Campbell Minstrels, and he joined that company. At this time he changed his name to S. C. Campbell. In 1854 he was engaged with Christy's Minstrels, and later he went to Australia with the Backus troupe. He returned to California and in 1859 went to New York City with Christy's Minstrels again. While there, he sang for a time with the choir of Grace Church in that city; and it was said that the fame of this church for its music was due in no small part to him.

I. F. Harrison, manager of the Gottschalk concerts in New York, persuaded him to join this program; and he gave up his minstrel work. He then appeared with Campbell and Castle English Opera Company; and sang for several years with Riching's English Opera Company and with Parepa-Rosa Company. In his opera singing he was associated with Fanny Stockton, Rosa Cook, Clara Louise Kellogg, Zelda Harrison, Parepa-Rosa, and his inseparable friend, William Castle.



Fiftieth wedding anniversary of Fannie Louise Coan Bartlett and Charles Olcott Bartlett. (left to right) Roberta Joan Bartlett, Fannie, Charles, Joyce May Bartlett; (back left to right) Harriet Field Bartlett, Robert Jerome Bartlett, Joseph Coan Bartlett, Laura Waldon Bartlett. Courtesy of Robert Jerome Bartlett.



*(left) Gravestone inscription of Abraham⁴ Coan. Note abbreviation to Abram. Photo by Gillian Rose. (right) Abraham Sherwood Coan, alias S.C. Campbell. Courtesy George C. Odell, *Annals of the New York Stage*, Vol. 16.*



Home of Samuel F. and Rebecca Coan Loper. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection



Loper Mill operated by Rebecca Coan Loper's son Edward, who was blind and called the "Blind Miller." Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection.

In the summer of 1874 he went to Chicago to fill an engagement with the Kellogg English Opera Company, but because of illness he was never able to appear with them. He died of heart disease at the home of his brother Douglass in Chicago November 25, 1874, at the age of forty-five. His early playmate, Dr. Ellsworth Eliot of New York City, wrote of him: "His baritone voice--sweet, mellow, sympathetic, firm, and powerful--made him a great favorite. He had no rival and left no successor."

The New Haven Register in his obituary stated: "To the many who have heard him it is unnecessary to say that he was a singer of rare excellence. His repertoire included over thirty operas. He was a true gentleman and a conscientious artist."

Reference: "Obituary - Sherwood C. Campbell, Lyric Artist," New York Times, November 28, 1874, Col. 6, p. 4.

Bernard Christian Steiner, A History of the Plantation of Menunkatuck and of the Original Town of Guilford, Connecticut (Baltimore, by the author, 1897), p. 505.

James Grant Wilson and John Fiske, editors, Appletons' Cyclopaedia of American Biography (New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1894), Vol. 1, p. 665.

REBECCA³ COAN (John², Peter¹) was born in 1765, daughter of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. March 12, 1788, she married Samuel F. Loper born March 17, 1766, the son of Samuel and Abigail (Chittenden) Loper of Guilford. Samuel, aged 73, died in North Guilford May 9, 1839; Rebecca died, aged 83, August 3, 1848.

Children (4) LOPER

- i. Mabel, b. Sept. 5, 1788; m. George Weld [Wild]
- ii. Henry, b. Jan. 24, 1791; m. Anna Fowler
- iii. Horace, b. July 31, 1793; m. Laura Rose
- iv. Patty, b. Oct. 24, 1795
- v. Edward, b. Mar. 10, 1798; blind; known as "blind miller"; d. Feb. 9, 1875
- vi. Clarissa, b. June 20, 1801; m. Abraham Hubbard
- vii. Rebecca, b. July 10, 1803
- viii. Samuel, b. Oct. 5, 1806

PATTY LOPER⁴, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Coan) Loper, was born October 24, 1795. She married November 8, 1820, Augustus Bishop, son of Ezra and Rachel (Chittenden) Bishop. He was born October 7, 1793, at Guilford, Connecticut, and was a shoe maker. He died there February 1, 1858. She died October 9, 1872.

Children (5) BISHOP

- i. Martin Chittenden, b. May 5, 1823
- ii. Edward A., b. May 10, 1825; d. Sept. 18, 1838
- iii. Egbert Eugene, b. May 6, 1827
- iv. Elvira Clarissa, b. July 14, 1829

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 77.

MARTIN CHITTENDEN BISHOP⁵, son of Augustus and Patty (Loper) Bishop, was born in Guilford, Connecticut, May 5, 1823. He married Angeline A. Chittenden May 7, 1848. She died October 21, 1850. He married second Janette A. Griswold, daughter of Jacob and Obedience (Potter) Griswold, May 23, 1856. She was born April 20, 1822. They lived in North Branford, Connecticut.

Children (6) BISHOP

- i. Ellen Augusta, b. Mar. 27, 1858; m. Frank Foote

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 131

EGBERT EUGENE BISHOP⁵, son of Augustus and Patty (Loper) Bishop, was born May 6, 1827. He married Grace Bunnell, daughter of Hezekiah and Abigail (Harrison) Bunnell, of North Branford, Connecticut. She was born April 19, 1832. They resided in Branford where he was a merchant. He died January 14, 1898.

Children (6) BISHOP

- i. Hetty Eugenia, b. Nov. 28, 1853; m. Lewis Beard-sley; d. July 26, 1879
- ii. Charles A., b. Apr. 17, 1855; unmarried; d. Jan. 28, 1885
- iii. Rebecca L., b. Mar. 1, 1857; d. July 9, 1858
- iv. Mary Louisa, b. Mar. 30, 1860
- v. Homer Coan, b. Nov. 29, 1862; unmarried; d. Aug. 30, 1888
- vi. Anna Nichols, b. July 28, 1871; m. F. H. Palmer; res. West Haven, Conn.

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 131

MARY LOUISA BISHOP⁶, daughter of Egbert Eugene and Grace (Bunnell) Bishop, was born in Branford, Connecticut, March 30, 1860. She married November 8, 1882, John Lane Plant, who was born in Branford, July 26, 1858, son of George W. and Eliza (Evarts) Plant. He was a Republican and a fruit grower. They resided in Branford, Connecticut.

Abraham Coan Dr

Nov 10th 1828	due when redone	4 64
Jan 30 1829	to one pair of shoes	54
	to making one pair of shoes	75
Sept 5th	to mending shoes	50
	to mending boots	28
Oct 5th	to mending shoes	33
	to leather for the shoes	33
Nov 20	to mending shoes	42
Dec 29	to mending shoes	54
March 4 1830	to mending boots	54
	to mending shoes	12
Nov 22	to mending boots	2
Dec 7th 1831	to one goose at 8 1/2 pound	1 5
Feb 15th	to mending boots	54
April 29	to mending shoes	21
Oct 24	to mending boots	54
Nov 10th	to one pair of shoes	50
Dec 14th	to one goose weight 8 pounds 3/4	52
	to cash	3

Feb 9th 1833 then record with \$1630
 Abraham Coan desired paid
 due me \$5.00 54
 Augustus Bishop
 Abraham Coan

New York. 29th 1817 Decr.

My dear Cousin did you think because I did not write
I had forgotten you? and your kind feeling letter. Yes?
No. Patty your good family will evermore have a place
in my remembrance. It a consolation a never failing
source to think there is a few get spared by the hand
of the Destroyer that can feel for the woes of others that

=tionately to every Member of your Father's family
especially to your Mother to my Sisters as many as
you shall see and all that engross after me

Yours my Dear Cousin with affectionate Esteem

Amanda Coan

Children (7) PLANT

- i. Ethel, b. Jan. 14, 1886; m. Rodolph F. Bailey; lived in New London, Connecticut

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 181

ELVIRA CLARISSA BISHOP⁵, daughter of Augustus and Patty (Loper) Bishop was born in North Branford, Connecticut, July 14, 1829. She married Christopher C. Rossiter in North Guilford May 23, 1849. He was born May 12, 1818 and died in North Guilford June 16, 1855. She married second Edward Pierson Rossiter December 24, 1856, who died in North Guilford, March 21, 1905. She died there on November 25, 1895.

Children (6) ROSSITER

- i. Luella Amelia, b. Mar. 10, 1850
- ii. Sarah, b. June 26 1854, d. Dec. 18, 1854
- iii. Grace Elvira, b. Oct. 25, 1857; unmarried, d. Nov. 5, 1876
- iv. Edgar Eugene, b. Oct. 26, 1860; d. Mar. 13, 1862

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 131

LUELLA AMELIA ROSSITER⁶, daughter of Christopher C. and Elvira Clarissa (Bishop) Rossiter, was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, March 10, 1850. She married Dwight C. Chittenden June 9, 1870. She died November 28, 1897.

Children (7) CHITTENDEN

- i. Ruth Dudley, b. Sept. 7, 1871
- ii. Mabel Elvira, b. Oct. 5, 1873; m. Ernest Potter (See Ernest Potter, son of Orrin and Phebe (Coan) Potter).

Reference: Cone and Root, Descendants of John Bishop, p. 77.

SIMEON³ COAN (John², Peter¹) was baptized in North Guilford, Connecticut, April 19, 1767, the son of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. February 4, 1794, he married Parnel Fowler, who was born August 23, 1773, the daughter of Stephen and Temperance (Stevens) Fowler. In 1804 he joined the Episcopal Society of Christ Church in Guilford. That same year he was chosen chorister and served in that capacity the rest of his life. May 29, 1806, the church voted payment of Simeon's "expenses to go to Lebanon for the purpose of examining an organ for this church." He served as organist from 1807 until 1811.

On April 16, 1804, Simeon, upon the death of his sister Hannah's husband, Robert Kimberly, was appointed guardian of their minor son Abel. Parnel died March 20, 1813, giving birth to twins. Simeon died November 5, 1815, from injuries received in the drawing of a building.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Amanda Fitzetta, b. 1795; m. _____ Dinsmore
of Texas
- ii. Laura D., b. 1797
- iii. George Washington, b. 1799; d. in New Orleans
- iv. Thomas Jefferson, b. 1801
- v. Mary Eliza (known as Polly), b. Aug. 15, 1804;
m. Daniel Fowler of Mobile
- vi. Juliet, m. _____ Duncan of Texas
- vii. Parnel, a twin, b. Mar. 20, 1813
- viii. Fowler, a twin, b. Mar. 20, 1813; d. Apr. 9,
1813

Reference: Records of Christ Episcopal Church, Guilford, Conn. Vol. 1, p. 7d; Vol. 2, pp. 10-31.

LAURA D.⁴ COAN (Simeon³, John², Peter¹) was born in 1797, the daughter of Simeon and Parnel (Fowler) Coan. She married Samuel Johnson Hitchcock May 18, 1818. He was born February 4, 1786, at Bethlehem, Connecticut, the eldest of twelve children of Benjamin and Mary (Johnson) Hitchcock. It was impossible for his father to give Samuel any educational advantages, so he first worked as a mechanic. His love of reading and desire for knowledge attracted the attention of his pastor, the Reverend Azel Backus (Yale 1787), who fitted him to teach school and prepared him without charge to enter the sophomore class at Yale. He was graduated at the head of his class in 1809 and delivered the valedictory oration on the "Wisdom of Aiming at High Attainments."

For two years after his graduation he taught in Fairfield Academy and then became a tutor at Yale. He received his M.A. degree in 1812. While a tutor, he had had read law in the office of Seth P. Staples; and June 4, 1814, at a session of the New Haven County Court he was admitted to the bar. In 1815 he began to practice law.

The lady of his choice, Laura, the orphaned daughter of Simeon and Parnel Coan of Guilford, returned his affection, but hesitated to name the day because, being unable to purchase her "furniture", she feared that she might be a burden to him. To overcome this obstacle, Hitchcock proposed to her uncle in a letter dated January 5, 1818, that they conspire together to practice a pious fraud upon her. The plan was that the uncle,

(top) *Samuel Johnson Hitchcock*, husband of *Laura D. Coan*. Portrait by *Jared B. Flagg*, Yale Law School: The Founders and the Founders Collection. (bottom) "*The Poppy Field*," a 51½ x 65 inch oil painting on canvas by *George Hitchcock*, grandson of *Laura Coan Hitchcock*. Courtesy Antiques, December, 1980, *Ira Spanierman, Inc.*, New York City.



CONNECTICUT CHURCHES AND HOUSE DESIGNED AND BUILT BY ABRAHAM COAN



(left) Zion Episcopal Church, North Branford, Connecticut. Drawing by Jane D. Hooker from her book, The Story of A Country Parish, 1978; used with permission. (right) Congregational Church, North Guilford, Connecticut. Picture taken in 1900. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection.



(center) 29 Broad Street, Guilford, Connecticut. House built probably in 1808 by Abraham Coan for himself; as he built it except for door moved from front to side. Abraham knew the "new architecture of New Haven" with its blind arcades and flushboarding, and may have been inspired by the house English architect Peter Banner designed for the president of Yale.



(bottom) The Samuel Eliot House, 1 State Street, Guilford, Connecticut. Built by Abraham Coan in 1803. Courtesy The Guilford Preservation Alliance, The Connecticut Historical Commission, and Elizabeth Mills Brown.

Eliakim Fowler, should make a gift of \$300 to Laura, telling her that he knew she needed the money for the purpose above mentioned, and that he had always intended to assist her on the approach of that crises which he had heard was coming upon her. Hitchcock engaged on his part to repay Fowler with interest at any time and in any way that the donor might point out. "If you do this," wrote Hitchcock, "I am well convinced you will add exceedingly to her comfort and do much, more perhaps than you are aware of, toward making her a happy bride....You will see, dear Sir, that if you can conveniently and consistently comply with the above request, it must never be known to your niece that I made it,--or at least that the secret must not be divulged until some future period." The letter closed with a request for a reply within ninety days. The answer must have been favorable, for the marriage took place on May 18, 1818. (Yale Law School: The Founders and the Founders' Collection, [published for the Tercentenary Commission by the Yale University Press, 1935], pp. 16, 17)

Besides his work as a lawyer he was instructor in a private law school and built a large law library for this school. His success as a teacher is indicated by the following verse, written by a student in one of the law school books:

Oh Thou who hears'st the students' prayer
How dark with all its witch talk
Would seem the Law, if puzzled here,
We could not fly to Hitchcock.

In 1821 Samuel was admitted to practice before the United States Circuit Court; from 1838 to 1842 he was a judge of the New Haven County Court; from 1842 to 1844 he was chief judge of the City Court; from 1839 to 1841 he was mayor of New Haven. His private law school eventually became Yale School of Law. In 1842 the Yale degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him. In 1843, largely through his efforts, the degree of Bachelor of Laws was first conferred by Yale College.

According to Professor Woolsey, Samuel was "one of the most decidedly religious men to be found in any department of life." For more than a decade (1833-1845) he was a deacon of Center Church where he conducted a Bible class for young men.

Laura had two sons and three daughters. She died in 1832. In 1834 Samuel married second Narcissa Perry, widow of Joseph Whittemore of Fredericksburg, Virginia. Samuel died August 31, 1845, in his sixtieth year and was buried in Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven.

Upon his death it was felt the Yale Law School could

not exist unless it acquired his library. Negotiations were made; Hitchcock's library was sold to Yale for \$4,188.65. It was the beginning of the Yale Law School library.

Children (5) HITCHCOCK

- i. George, b. June 1, 1819, New Haven, Conn.; d. July 30, 1850, New York
- ii. Laura, b. June 2, 1821, New Haven, Conn.; d. Mar. 31, 1851, Mobile, Ala.
- iii. Charles, b. 1823
- iv. Susan, b. 1826, New Haven, Conn.; d. Nov. 16, 1826
- v. Mary, b. 1828; m. 1849, New York City, Thomas D. Sherwood; d. New York City, Oct. 14, 1852; Thomas d. 1878

Reference: Mrs. Edward Hitchcock, Sr., comp., Genealogy of the Hitchcock Family (Amherst, Mass.: Press of Carpenter & Morehouse, 1894), pp. 81, 82.

Tercentenary Commission of the State of Connecticut Committee on Historical Publications, Yale Law School: The Founders and the Founders Collection.

Vital Records of New Haven 1649-1850 (Hartford: The Connecticut Society of the Order of the Founders and the Patriots of America, 1917), Part I, p. 459.

CHARLES HITCHCOCK⁵, son of Judge Samuel Johnson and Laura (Coan) Hitchcock, was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1823. He married in 1847 Olivia G. Cowell in Providence, Rhode Island. She was born there in 1829. Charles died in Providence December 10, 1858; Olivia, February 18, 1865.

Children (6) HITCHCOCK

- i. Charles, b. May 12, 1848, Providence, R.I.
- ii. George H., b. Sept. 29, 1850
- iii. Amelia Swift, b. Aug. 7, 1852; m. Herbert Maynard June 1874, Narragansett Pier, R.I.

Reference: Hitchcock, Hitchcock Family, pp. 99, 100.

CHARLES HITCHCOCK⁶, son of Charles and Olivia G. (Cowell) Hitchcock, was born May 12, 1848, in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1872 in Philadelphia he married Frances Lapsley, who was born there in 1844. They lived in New York City.

Children (7) HITCHCOCK

- i. Ethel, b. June 26, 1877, Narragansett Pier, R.I.
- ii. Marguerite, b. Apr. 13, 1879, New York City; d. 1879, New York City

- iii. Charles, b. Aug. 25, 1881, Narragansett Pier, R.I.
- iv. Horace Lapsley, b. Sept. 3, 1883, Narragansett Pier, R.I.

Reference: Hitchcock, Hitchcock Family, p. 114.

GEORGE H. HITCHCOCK⁶, son of Charles and Olivia G. (Cowell) Hitchcock, was born September 29, 1850, in Providence, Rhode Island. He was graduated from Brown University in 1872 and from Harvard Law School in 1864. He was admitted to the bar both in Providence and New York and practiced law for five years. About this time he visited an exhibition of water colors which inspired him with the desire to paint. He gave up law and began to produce pictures. Although so amateurish that in later years he tried to buy them all back, they sold readily. The more he painted, the less he found he knew; so in 1879 he went to England. Not finding an art school there which suited him, he went to Paris and became a pupil at Julien's Academy where he studied with Boulanger and Lefebvre. He next studied at Dusseldorf, still not finding exactly what he sought. Finally he went to The Hague and studied under Mesdag. He then decided to develop his own style and settled at Egmond, a little village in northern Holland on the North Sea. In England in 1882 he married Henrietta Richardson.

One day while he was out painting in Holland, the Empress of Austria stopped at the village inn and saw some of his paintings. One of the Dutch coast she especially liked; but as the artist could not be found, she continued her journey. She couldn't forget the painting, and the next day she sent her equerry back to buy it. This was the beginning of George's international success. He became a regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy in London, at the Paris Salon, and at other Continental shows.

George loved Holland's tulip fields and was the first to put on canvas the great fields of flowers. He was a portrait painter as well as a landscape artist and combined both talents in his work. The Egmond School is the result of his paintings. While he was at Egmond, seventeen studios sprang up and three hundred pupils came to him. Berlin, Dresden, and Munich bestowed their medals on him; and Vienna, besides presenting him with a medal, gave him the officer's cross of the Franz Josef order and elected him a corresponding member of its Academy. He was the only American to have received the last two distinctions. France made him a chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

His paintings hung in the Imperial Collection of Vienna, The Dresden Gallery, the Luxembourg, and in municipal galleries at Alkmaar and Egmond, Holland. In England his works were in many private galleries including Bleinheim, the seat of the Duke of Marlborough; and the McCulloch Gallery. He and Whistler were the only Americans represented at

the latter. In the United States his paintings hung at the Metropolitan Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Indianapolis Art Institute, and in the public galleries of Providence, Buffalo, St. Louis, Savannah, and Minneapolis.

His paintings were not limited to Dutch subjects. He was equally famous for "Flight into Egypt", "Hagar and Ishmael", "Proserpina", "Calypso", "Saint Genevieve, patron saint of Paris", and "Saint George". His work failed to classify in any one school. He painted Holland as he, an American, saw it. Outstanding characteristics of his art were sincerity, refinement, quiet color, and a remarkable achievement of atmosphere.

George died August 2, 1913, on the Island of Marken, Netherlands.

Reference: Biographical Sketches of American Artists (Lansing, Mich.: Michigan State Library, 1924), pp. 150-152.

Peyton Boswell, "The George Hitchcock Memorial Exhibition," Arts and Decoration, February, 1921, Vol. 14, p. 297.

Hitchcock, Hitchcock Family, p. 99.

THOMAS JEFFERSON⁴ COAN (Simeon³, John², Peter¹) was born in 1801, the son of Simeon and Parnel (Fowler) Coan. He married January 15, 1823, Betsy Dibble Trowbridge, daughter of Eliakim D. and Amelia (Taylor) Trowbridge. Betsy was born December 27, 1801. Thomas died June 21, 1824.

Children (5) COAN

i. Mary Eliza, b. Aug. 16, 1824

Reference: F. W. Chapman, The Trowbridge Family or Descendants of Thomas Trowbridge (New Haven: Punderson, Crisand & Co., 1872), p. 187.

MARY ELIZA⁵ COAN (Thomas J.⁴, Simeon³, John², Peter¹) was born August 16, 1824, the daughter of Thomas J. and Betsy D. (Trowbridge) Coan. She married April 11, 1842, Henry Durant.

Children (6) DURANT

i. Arthur, b. Feb. 28, 1846

ii. Sabriette, b. Feb. 24, 1850

iii. Henry Willard, b. June 30, 1855; d. Jan. 26, 1856

SUBMIT³ COAN (John², Peter¹) was born December 7, 1769, the daughter of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. She married January 28, 1790, Anson Chittenden, born March 4, 1789, son

of Jared and Deborah (Stone) Chittenden. Anson was chosen Deacon of the First Church in 1809. He and his family went to Mount Pleasant, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, in 1813. Anson died there, aged 80, January 21, 1849; Submit died July 24, 1849, aged 79.

Children (4) CHITTENDEN

- i. Chauncey, b. June 4, 1791; d. Sept. 13, 1794
- ii. Deborah, b. Dec. 4, 1792; d. Mar. 20, 1793
- iii. Josiah C., b. May 21, 1794
- iv. William Harvey, b. Nov. 4, 1796
- v. Abel, b. Aug. 28, 1798
- vi. Zenas, b. Sept. 4, 1800
- vii. Mariette, b. Oct. 4, 1802
- viii. Rachel, b. July 3, 1805
- ix. Miranda, b. Mar. 23, 1807; d. Jan. 29, 1827
- x. Anson, b. Mar. 13, 1809
- xi. Anna Goodale, b. Apr. 23, 1811
- xii. Aaron Dutton, b. Feb. 17, 1815

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 67

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JOSIAH CHITTENDEN⁴, son of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden, was born May 21, 1794. He married October 11, 1816, Siba Hand, daughter of Daniel and Artemisia (Meigs) Hand of Madison, Connecticut. Josiah was a hotel keeper in Clinton, Connecticut, when he died September 14, 1865. Siba died, aged 80, August 29, 1876.

Children (5) CHITTENDEN

- i. Artemisia, b. Jan. 24, 1818; m. John R. Farnham
- ii. Daniel Anson, b. Apr. 10, 1820; m. Maria Buell
- iii. William Augustus, b. July 22, 1826; m. Harriet Wheeler

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 117.

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WILLIAM HARVEY CHITTENDEN⁴, son of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden, was born November 4, 1796. He married October 30, 1817, Belinda Wheeler, daughter of Benjamin Wheeler of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, born January, 1797.

Children (5) CHITTENDEN

- i. Zaida, b. Aug. 6, 1818; m. Calvin D. Cobb
- ii. Jeannette, b. Apr. 12, 1822; m. James Pratt
- iii. Salome, b. Mar. 8, 1824; m. J. B. Muzzy
- iv. William Wallace, b. Mar. 30, 1826; m. Huldah Prouty

- v. Emeline, b. Sept. 6, 1828; m. George H. King
- vi. Jane, b. Dec. 9, 1830; m. Dr. Frederic Tracy
- vii. Almira, b. May 2, 1833; m. R. E. Prouty
- viii. Artemisia, b. Oct. 25, 1835
- ix. Abel L., b. Mar. 18, 1838; m. E. L. Hall

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 118.

ABEL CHITTENDEN⁴, son of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden, was born August 28, 1798. He married May 17, 1820, Eliza Hiscock of Mount Pleasant, born March 24, 1803. She died, aged 46, June 29, 1879. He resided in Mt. Pleasant and Clinton, Pennsylvania.

Children (5) CHITTENDEN

- i. Eliza Maria, b. Apr. 22, 1821; m. Henry Spencer
- ii. Noah Anson, b. Jan. 14, 1829; m. Sophia Abbott
- iii. Laura C., b. Oct. 22, 1830; m. George L. Bush

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 118.

ZENAS CHITTENDEN⁴, son of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden, was born September 4, 1800. He married Almira Roberts, daughter of Daniel of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, where they resided.

Children (5) CHITTENDEN

- i. Jared M., b. July 25, 1823; m. Mary Wells
- ii. Samuel N., b. July 7, 1826; m. Martha Slocum

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 119.

MARIETTA CHITTENDEN⁴, daughter of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden, was born October 4, 1802. She married Heman Ambrose Wheeler at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, September 18, 1816. He was the son of Benjamin and Lowly Wheeler; was born November 12, 1793, at Winchester, Connecticut; died March 8, 1869. Marietta died February 25, 1875.

Children (5) WHEELER born at Mount Pleasant

- i. Lucius C., b. May 29, 1820; d. Nov. 1, 1869
- ii. Chauncey Chittenden, b. June 8, 1823
- iii. Josiah C., b. Mar. 30, 1825; d. June 20, 1830
- iv. Harriet Ann, b. Sept. 13, 1827
- v. Richmond Worthington, m. Clara Hubbell
- vi. Josiah Dennis, b. Dec. 23, 1832
- vii. Ellen Amanda, b. Dec. 21, 1834; d. Oct. 23, 1853

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 119.

RACHEL CHITTENDEN⁴, daughter of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden, was born July 3, 1805. She married Joseph Peck.

Children (5) PECK

- i. Elizabeth

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 120.

ANSON CHITTENDEN⁴, son of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden was born March 13, 1809. He married March 7, 1831, Laura C. Chittenden, daughter of Amos and Jerusha (Graves) Chittenden. She was born July 4, 1811. They resided in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Children (5) CHITTENDEN

- i. Richard A., b. Sept. 1, 1832; m. Rhoda Alexander
- ii. Elizabeth, b. May 21, 1840; m. Nelson E. Kennedy

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 120.

ANNA GOODALE CHITTENDEN⁴, daughter of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden, was born April 23, 1811. She married Henry Bass.

Children (5) BASS

- i. Mary
- ii. Celia
- iii. George
- iv. John

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 120

AARON DUTTON CHITTENDEN⁴, son of Anson and Submit (Coan) Chittenden, was born February 17, 1815. He married April 30, 1846, Eliza Abbott, daughter of Samuel Abbott of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Children (5) CHITTENDEN

- i. Eliza Ann, b. Feb. 22, 1850

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 121.

LUCRETIA³ COAN (John², Peter¹) was baptized July 1772, the daughter of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. She married January 11, 1795, Abel Chittenden, son of Jared and Deborah (Stone) Chittenden. He lived in North Guilford and died, aged 27, August 27, 1798.

Children (4) CHITTENDEN

- i. Martin C., b. June 11, 1797; m. Abigail _____
- ii. Emeline, b. July 8, 1798; m. Horace Rossiter

Lucretia married second Jared Jessup, March 14, 1802. He was probably the son of Nathan and Hannah (Tarbell) Jessup of Richmond, Massachusetts.

Children (4) JESSUP

- i. Hannah

Reference: Henry Griswald Jessup, Edward Jessup of West Farms, Westchester Co., New York and His Descendants (Cambridge, Mass.: John Wilson and Son, 1887), p. 355.
Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 67.

MARTIN C. CHITTENDEN⁴, son of Abel and Lucretia (Coan) Chittenden, was born June 11, 1797. He married Abigail _____. He went to Pana, Illinois.

Children (5) CHITTENDEN

- i. Edward F.
- ii. Mary E., b. July 25, 1835

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 121.

EMELINE CHITTENDEN⁴, daughter of Abel and Lucretia (Coan) Chittenden, was born July 8, 1798. She married October 10, 1826, Horace Rossiter, son of Noah and Polly (Dudley) Rossiter. Emeline and Horace lived in Richmond, Massachusetts.

Children (5) ROSSITER

- i. Emeline Lucretia

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 126.

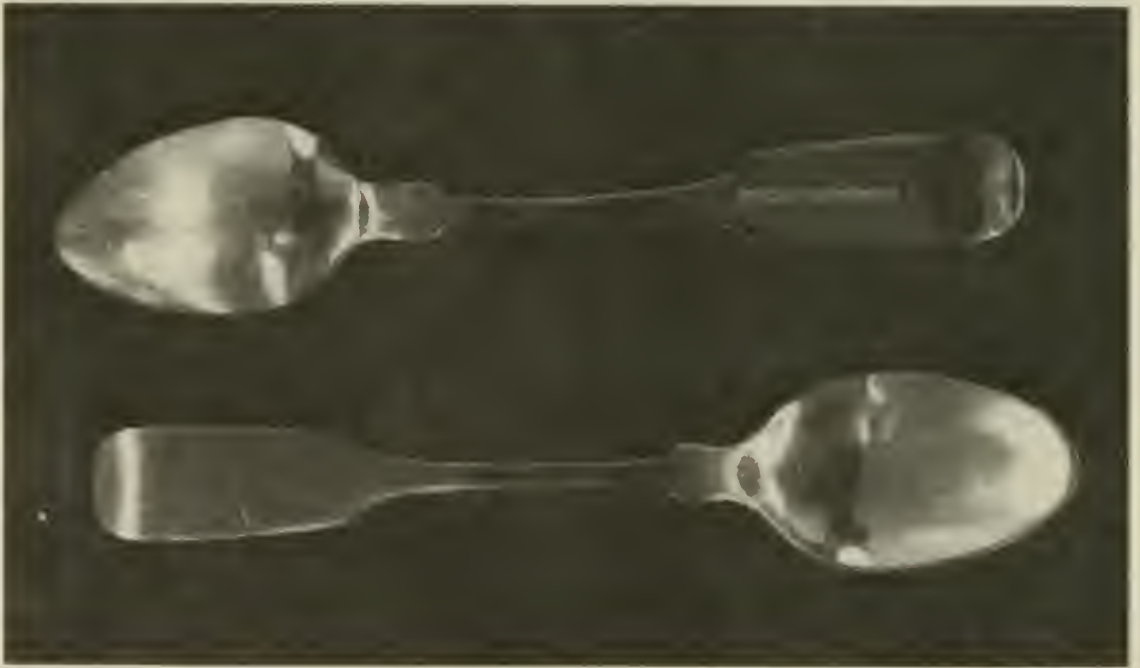
ABRAHAM³ COAN (John², Peter¹) was born November 9, 1774, in North Guilford, Connecticut, the son of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. He married Martha (Patty) Linsley January 17, 1799. The Reverend Lynde Huntington of Branford performed the ceremony. Abraham was a carpenter and in 1813, as

Oct 22 nd 1814	1 days work painting at the Meeting house	00-83
Oct 24 th	1 barrel of Cider to Capt Coan	03-50
	2 bushels and a half of turnips	00-50
	3 lb of butter to Capt Coan	00-60
Nov 2 nd	Cash paid at Newhuron 1 gallon lard	04-00
	for 3 paint brushes	01-64
	for 2 lb of Seltzer	00-56
	Door latches and locks	03-00
	10 Sheet of sand paper for Capt Coan	45
	1 days work painting	00-83
Nov 16 th	for 2 days and a half painting	02-08
	3 lb of butter to Capt Coan	00-60
Nov 23 rd	Cash paid to Newhuron for work	01-50
Nov 26 th	11 lb of butter to Capt Coan	00-70
	for 2 days and a half painting	02-08
	for 2 days and a half painting	02-08
	Load of wood for Capt Coan	00-33 1/2
	1 dozen of screws	00-45
Nov 27 th	13 lb barrel of Cider to Capt Coan	04-00
	for 2 days work	01-50
	for 1 days work	00-45
	for 5 lb of nails	00-83
	for 12 days and a half	04-34
	for Cash	01-00
	barrel of Cider 1/2 Cash to Capt Coan	01-00
		55 31

From a record book of David Chittenden (1777-1861). Part of the record of the costs of building the meeting house in North Guilford. Note that Abraham Coan, a captain of the builders (architect and builder), was often paid in food and hard cider. He received 75¢ to 83¢ a day for his work. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection.



(left) Christ Episcopal Church, Guilford, Connecticut. Courtesy Sedge Le Blang. (right) Stained glass window given by Grace Elliott Coan in memory of her parents, Abraham L. Coan and Grace Fairchild Elliott Coan, in Christ Episcopal Church, Guilford, Connecticut. Courtesy the Reverend Bradford B. Locke.



Coin silver spoons made by Abraham L. Coan (1809 - 1834), silversmith, Mobile, Alabama. Note his mark. Courtesy Anglo-American Art Museum, Louisiana State University.

captain of the builders designed and built the Congregational Church in North Guilford. Its unusual features were the belfry in the tower and the domed, open cupola above it. Abraham designed several other churches in Connecticut, among them the North Branford Zion Episcopal Church which he built in 1819. It had an octagonal belfry, a dome, and gothic windows.

In 1803 Abraham was listed as a member and communicant of the Christ Episcopal Church in Guilford. He was a chorister in 1807 and 1808; a vestryman from 1812 until 1820 when he became Senior Warden. He served in that capacity, as well as usually being moderator of church meetings, for over 20 years. In 1815 the church people voted that he should repair the church walls. On June 21, 1836, his name was among the names on a scroll deposited in a lead box at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Christ Church. November 12, 1838, Abraham was appointed the church warden who was to sign and present the deed of dedication of the new church on December 12.

As well as being active in the church, he was active in town affairs. He was justice of the peace in 1818 and in 1820 was elected warden in Guilford, a position he held until 1840. Martha died January 19, 1829. October 2, 1832, Abraham married second Sarah (Linsley) Russell, Martha's sister. Abraham died in Guilford February 14, 1863, aged 88. The Reverend Lorenzo T. Bennett officiated at his burial service.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Henrietta, b. Oct. 20, 1800
- ii. Clarissa, b. Feb. 7, 1802
- iii. Lucretia, b. June 4, 1805
- iv. Abraham L., b. Mar. 31, 1809
- v. Sarah, b. May 1, 1815

Reference: Frederick W. Bailey, ed., Early Connecticut Marriages As Found in Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800 (New Haven: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1896), Book 2, p. 113.

Records of Christ Church, Guilford, Conn., Vol. 2, pp. 7-58.

Ralph D. Smith, The History of Guilford, Connecticut From Its First Settlement in 1639 (Albany, New York: J. Munsell, Printer, 1877), pp. 110, 146.

HENRIETTA⁴ COAN (Abraham³, John², Peter¹) was born October 20, 1800, the daughter of Abraham and Martha (Linsley) Coan. July 10, 1822, she married William Tyler, born in New Milford, Connecticut, November 10, 1791, the son of Luther and Jemima (Parrish) Tyler of Branford, Connecticut. He was

a sea captain and resided in Guilford the last twenty years of his life. He served as Justice in 1858. Henrietta died, aged 75, October 14, 1875. They had no children.

Reference: Smith, History of Guilford, p. 147.

⁴ CLARISSA ³ COAN (Abraham ², John ¹, Peter) was born February 7, 1802, the daughter of Abraham and Martha (Linsley) Coan. She married on August 10, 1823, John Bartlett, born October 13, 1785, the son of John and Deborah (Hubbard) Bartlett of Guilford, Connecticut. Clarissa died, aged 40, October 9, 1842. John died in Guilford, aged 76, May 4, 1862.

Children (5) BARTLETT

- i. Lucretia Coan, b. May 5, 1824; m. John B. Kirby, New Haven
- ii. William Tyler, b. Aug. 22, 1827; m. Caroline Tyler, New Haven
- iii. Sophia Martha, b. Mar. 19, 1833

⁴ LUCRETIA ³ COAN (Abraham ², John ¹, Peter) was born June 4, 1805, the daughter of Abraham and Martha (Linsley) Coan. She married Richard W. Julian [Julien] of Bainbridge, New York, January 28, 1823. They had two children, a son and a daughter.

⁴ ABRAHAM L. ³ COAN (Abraham ², John ¹, Peter) was born March 31, 1809, the son of Abraham and Martha (Linsley) Coan. October 16, 1834, he married Grace Fairchild Elliott, born March 19, 1810, the daughter of Reuben and Grace (Fairchild) Elliott. He was a distinguished silversmith in Mobile, Alabama. "A. L. Coan and Alanzon Knapp became active in the mid-30s but their output seems to have been largely flat silver, such as tablespoons, mustard and salt spoons in fiddleback design. They also carried on a watch-making business" (Sidney Adair Smith, Mobile Silversmiths and Jewelers 1820-1867). The Anglo-American Art Museum at Louisiana State University had in its permanent collection (1982) two of Abraham's coin silver teaspoons. Abraham died August 18, 1841, in Mobile, Alabama; Grace died in Guilford, Connecticut, August 21, 1858.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Grace Elliott, b. Mar. 4, 1841; d. Mar. 17, 1889

⁵ GRACE ELLIOTT ⁴ COAN (Abraham L. ³, Abraham ², John ¹, Peter) was born March 4, 1841, daughter of Abraham L. and Grace

Fairchild (Elliott) Coan. She taught school in New Jersey, but spent some time in Guilford, Connecticut, with her aunt, Miss Cornelia Elliott. August 28, 1882, she was admitted as a communicant of Christ Episcopal Church, Guilford, by certificate from St. Peter's Church, Bainbridge, New York. She gave the Coan window to Christ Episcopal Church. It was in memory of her parents, Abraham L. Coan and Grace F. Elliott. The window was broken by the hurricane of September 21, 1938 but carefully repaired. Grace died in Orange, New Jersey, March 20, 1889.

Reference: Newspaper article published at the time of the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the building of the "new" Christ Episcopal Church, Guilford, Conn., December 12, 1938.

Records of Christ Episcopal Church, Guilford, Conn., Vol. 3, pp. 278, 448.

⁴ SARAH ³ COAN (Abraham ², John ², Peter ¹) was born May 1, 1815, the daughter of Abraham and Martha (Linsley) Coan. She married November 12, 1837, Roger Griswold, son of George and Nancy (Landon) Griswold of Guilford, Connecticut. Sarah died in Bainbridge, New York, June 30, 1879.

Children (5) GRISWOLD

i. Edward Fitz, b. Nov. 8, 1838

DAVIS ³ COAN (John ², Peter ¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, in 1785, the son of John and Mabel (Chittenden) Coan. January 4, 1804, he joined the Episcopal Society of Christ Church and was active there all his life. He was chosen chorister for several years and in 1809 was chosen organist. He married April 29, 1807, in Guilford, Catharine Fowler, who was born in Guilford February 5, 1787, the daughter of Noah and Lucy (Bartlett) Fowler. Davis died, aged 38, in Guilford July 27, 1822. Catharine married second March 23, 1823, William Pendleton. Catharine died January 29, 1855.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Jane, b. 1808; d. Jan. 8, 1810
- ii. Jane, b. Jan. 1810; m. Chauncey Munson of Northford; d. Sept. 11, 1870
- iii. Annette Amelia, a twin,) born in
b. Dec. 25, 1811) great
- iv. Jennette Adelia, a twin,) Christmas
b. Dec. 25, 1811) snowstorm
- v. Catharine Fowler, b. July 25, 1814 (July 19, 1813)
- vi. Richard Davis, b. May 5, 1816
- vii. William Lorenzo, b. Dec. 20, 1821

Reference: Everett Hall Pendleton, comp., Brian Pendleton and His Descendants, 1599-1910 (Privately printed, 1910), p. 181.

Records of Christ Episcopal Church, Guilford, Conn., Vol. 1, p. 7d; Vol. 2, pp. 19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31.

ANNETTE AMELIA⁴ COAN (Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born a twin December 25, 1811, during the great Christmas snowstorm, in Guilford, Connecticut, daughter of Davis and Catharine (Fowler) Coan. She married September 29, 1831, Denison Chittenden, a Guilford farmer, who was born September 6, 1810, the son of Justus Johnson and Lucretia (Cruttenden) Chittenden.

Children (5) CHITTENDEN

- i. Catharine Fowler, b. Dec. 2, 1833; d. Aug. 10, 1837
- ii. Henry Denison, b. Dec. 22, 1835
- iii. Sarah Lucretia, b. July 13, 1839; d. July 18, 1860

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 217.

HENRY DENISON CHITTENDEN⁵, son of Denison and Annette Amelia (Coan) Chittenden, was born in Guilford, Connecticut, December 22, 1835. He married July 1, 1857, Mary Jane Dowd, who was born October 22, 1838, the daughter of Alfred G. and Harriet (Scranton) Dowd of Fair Haven. Henry and Mary resided in Guilford.

Children (6) CHITTENDEN

- i. Edward Johnson, b. Jan. 5, 1858
- ii. John Scranton, b. July 15, 1860; d. Mar. 30, 1862

Reference: Talcott, Chittenden Family, p. 226.

JENNETTE ADELIA⁴ COAN (Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born a twin in Guilford, Connecticut, December 25, 1811, during the great Christmas snowstorm. She was the daughter of Davis and Catharine (Fowler) Coan. On September 1, 1833, she married the Reverend Erastus Albert Strong, who was born at Chesterfield, New York, August 19, 1809, the son of Erastus and Abigail W. (Harrison) Strong of North Branford. Jennette died October 17, 1840. He married second Elizabeth B. Stillman of Wethersfield on August 31, 1844. During the Civil War he was a chaplain in the army, was taken prisoner, and was confined in Libby Prison. His health was broken down, and he died in Gambier, Ohio, in 1866.

Children (5) STRONG

- i. Walter, b. June 28, 1837; d. Oct. 16, 1837
- ii. Catherine Annette, b. Sept. 17, 1838; d. July 28, 1839
- iii. Asahel Minor, b. Dec. 7, 1839; d. Dec. 1839

Erastus had eight children by his second marriage.

Reference: Benjamin W. Dwight, History of the Descendants of Elder John Strong of Northampton, Mass. (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell, 1871), Vol. I, p. 128.

CATHERINE FOWLER⁴ COAN (Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, July 25, 1814, or July 19, 1813, the daughter of Davis and Catherine (Fowler) Coan. On September 11, 1831, she married Merritt Pendleton, who was born at Cornwall, Connecticut, September 1, 1803, the son of William and Lucretia (Welton) Pendleton. Merritt died September 25, 1866, at Waterville, Connecticut; Catherine, January 27, 1890, at Lansingburg, Michigan.

Children (5) PENDLETON all born in Cornwall, Connecticut

- i. Louis, b. Nov. 7, 1832; d. Mar. 11, 1836
- ii. Louisa, L., b. Jan. 8, 1834; d. Mar. 10, 1836
- iii. Mary, b. Jan. 20, 1836; d. Jan. 21, 1836
- iv. Henry Lewis, b. Feb. 1, 1837
- v. Theodore Augustus, b. Apr. 21, 1839
- vi. William Lorenzo, b. Dec. 8, 1841
- vii. Josephine, b. Apr. 9, 1843; d. Sept. 1, 1849
- viii. Jonathan B., b. Nov. 22, 1846; d. Sept. 8, 1849
- ix. Jeannette Maria, b. Oct. 21, 1851

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 332.

HENRY LEWIS PENDLETON⁵, the son of Merritt and Catherine Fowler (Coan) Pendleton, was born in Cornwall, Connecticut, February 1, 1837. He was a wagon maker. May 25, 1858, he married Mary Elmira Landon, who was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, January 29, 1838, daughter of Abner and Minerva (Stone) Landon. Henry died at Middlefield, Connecticut, February 25, 1896.

Children (6) PENDLETON

- i. Mary Amelia, b. Sept. 22, 1859
- ii. Anna Lucretia, b. Mar. 10, 1861, Canaan, Conn.; d. aged 6 months
- iii. Edith Minerva, b. Mar. 21, 1862, Canaan, Conn.; m. Luther W. Fowler

- iv. Frederick Landon, b. Oct. 12, 1863, Goshen, Conn.; m. Mary C. Gleich
- v. Flora Louise, b. May 1, 1866
- vi. Henry Merritt, b. May 26, 1872, Goshen, Conn.; m. Sarah M. Fowler
- vii. Charlotte Imogene, b. Aug. 27, 1874
- viii. Emily Alice, b. Sept. 23, 1876

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 332.

MARY AMELIA PENDLETON⁶, the daughter of Henry Lewis and Mary Elmira (Landon) Pendleton, was born September 22, 1859, in Litchfield, Connecticut. She married at Middlefield May 29, 1878, Gordon S. Goodrich, who was born in Portland, Connecticut, July 23, 1854, the son of Joseph and Fannie A. (Buck) Goodrich. Mary died February 11, 1897, in Middlefield. Gordon married second Clara Smith.

Children (7) GOODRICH

- i. Joseph H., b. Oct. 9, 1881; m. Mary Camt; resided in Hartford, Conn.
- ii. Ernest S., b. Apr. 4, 1885; resided in Hartford; m. July 31, 1909, Hazel M. Moffett
- iii. Elsie, b. Oct. 13, 1890; d. aged 1 year
- iv. Howard, b. Apr. 20, 1895

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 332.

FLORA LOUISE PENDLETON⁶, the daughter of Henry Lewis and Mary Elmira (Landon) Pendleton, was born May 1, 1866, in Goshen, Connecticut. At Berlin, Connecticut, on February 14, 1883, she married Charles W. Williams, who was born in Kensington, Connecticut, January 22, 1861, the son of Charles W. and Harriet E. (Bailey) Williams. They resided at Kensington.

Children (7) WILLIAMS

- i. Hattie E., b. Aug. 26, 1885; resided at Pittsfield, Mass.
- ii. Clarence L., b. Oct. 3, 1889; d. Apr. 18, 1891
- iii. Willis H., b. Sept. 20, 1890; d. Jan. 5, 1891
- iv. Harold, b. Nov. 16, 1901; d. Nov. 17, 1901
(Had four more boys and one girl who died at birth)

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 514.

CHARLOTTE IMOGENE PENDLETON⁶, the daughter of Henry Lewis and Mary Elmira (Landon) Pendleton, was born August 27, 1874

at Portland, Connecticut. On April 13, 1895, at Holyoke, Massachusetts, she married Albert H. Abbe, who was born in Windsorville, Connecticut, September 21, 1873, the son of Rufus H. and Louisa (Shears) Abbe. Albert died July 24, 1896. Charlotte resided at Wallingford, Connecticut.

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 514.

EMILY ALICE PENDLETON⁶, the daughter of Henry Lewis and Mary Elmira (Landon) Pendleton, was born in Middlefield, Connecticut, September 23, 1876. At Kensington, Connecticut, January 1, 1895, she married Irving S. Kent, the son of Oliver and Jennie (Strong) Kent. Irving was a contractor and builder in Hartford, Connecticut.

Children (7) KENT

- i. Lillian, b. Nov. 17, 1896, Hartford, Conn.

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 514.

THEODORE AUGUSTUS PENDLETON⁵, the son of Merritt and Catherine Fowler (Coan) Pendleton, was born April 21, 1839, at Cornwall, Connecticut. He enlisted August 4, 1862, in Company C, 2nd Regiment, Connecticut Heavy Artillery; was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant March 13, 1864; and was honorably discharged July 7, 1865. The History of Goshen, Connecticut says of him:

He was one of the smallest men in the regiment, wearing number 4 boots. A skillful mechanic, his musket was the pride of the "Defences of Washington." A great many people came to see it, among them many regular army officers. He was offered \$100 and another musket for his weapon.

After the war Theodore opened a hotel in Seymour, Connecticut. At New Haven, Connecticut, July 11, 1866, he married Jane M. Abbott, who was born in Goshen, Connecticut, August 9, 1849, the daughter of Newton and Eliza (Wright) Abbott. Theodore died at Seymore, Connecticut, October 30, 1870. Jane died in Branford January 11, 1888.

Children (6) PENDLETON

- i. Leonore May, b. Nov. 26, 1867
- ii. William E., b. June 15, 1869, Seymore, Conn.; resided at New Haven

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 514.

LEONORE MAY PENDLETON⁶, the daughter of Theodore Augustus and Jane M. (Abbott) Pendleton, was born November 26, 1867, in Goshen, Connecticut. On November 3, 1885, in South Dover, New York, she married James Orson Ford, who was born July 7, 1863, in Cornwall, Connecticut, the son of James Oliver and Emily (Morse) Ford. They resided at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Children (7) FORD

- i. Theodore Belvin, b. Aug. 27, 1886 at New Milford, Conn.

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 515.

WILLIAM LORENZO PENDLETON⁴, the son of Merritt and Catharine (Coan) Pendleton, was born in Cornwall, Connecticut, December 8, 1841. He enlisted in the Civil War September 6, 1861, in Company E, 8th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry; and was discharged on account of disability May 31, 1862. He re-enlisted August 11, 1863, in Company C, 14th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers; was captured at Rapidan River, Virginia, February 6, 1864; and died of starvation at Andersonville, Georgia, July 6, 1864. (Records Conn. Adj. Gen.) His grave there is No. 2960. He was unmarried.

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 333.

JEANNETTE MARIE PENDLETON⁴, the daughter of Merritt and Catharine (Coan) Pendleton, was born in Cornwall, Connecticut, October 21, 1851. She married at New Haven on May 7, 1872, Watson L. Seward. They resided in Charlotte, Michigan.

Children (5) SEWARD

- i. Harry Jason, b. Jan. 31, 1873, New Haven; d. May 22, 1875, Guilford
- ii. Frank Watson, b. Apr. 11, 1877

Reference: Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, p. 333.

RICHARD DAVIS⁴ COAN (Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, May 5, 1816, the son of Davis and Catharine (Fowler) Coan. He moved to New Haven in 1832 and was employed at Brown's joiner shop. October 18, 1837, he married Flora Hitchcock Grannis, who was born May 29, 1813, the daughter of John Grannis of Cheshire, Connecticut. He rose to the rank of major in the old Connecticut militia and served as major under General Rose of North Branford. In 1840 in company with Martin Evarts and John Mallory he went to Guilford to repair and rebuild old Christ Episcopal

Church. February 17, 1840, the church voted that Richard D. Coan "should erect a fence around the church except the front by April 1st next." April 12, 1841, Richard D. Coan by vote of the church was to "place a new pinnacle upon the tower provided a subscription can be raised." April 16, 1844, the church voted that Richard D. Coan should repair the tower.

From 1841-1845 Richard was church clerk. He also served as chorister in 1838 and 1839 when he was only 18 years old, and again in 1848; and as vestryman in 1848. One of his sons was named Bennett; another, William Lorenzo, probably in honor of the rector of the church at that time, the Reverend Lorenzo T. Bennett.

Later he took charge of the choir of St. Paul's Church in New Haven. He was also connected with the choir of the Church of the Ascension on Davenport Avenue; and was very active in the choirs of both churches. In 1851 he was appointed superintendent of the Hotchkiss & Lewis factory, later Lewis & Beecher's, and later George and Thomas Alling Company. He died in 1898. Flora died in August, 1891.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Charles Richard, b. Aug. 5, 1838
- ii. William Arthur, b. Nov. 3, 1839; d. Apr. 29, 1844
- iii. Bennett Fowler, b. July 19, 1841
- iv. Frances Annette, b. May 2, 1843
- v. Jane Augusta, b. July 7, 1844
- vi. William Arthur, b. July 26, 1847
- vii. Ella Jennette, b. Mar. 11, 1849

Reference: William Richard Cutler and Others, ed., Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1911), Vol. 1, p. 91.

Records of Christ Episcopal Church, Guilford, Conn., Vol. 2, pp. 78-88.

CHARLES RICHARD⁵ COAN (Richard⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, August 5, 1838, the son of Richard Davis and Flora Hitchcock (Grannis) Coan. During his boyhood the family moved to New Haven. There he became a teller at the New Haven County Bank; then he became affiliated with Security Insurance Company. While in their employ in 1861, he enlisted in the army for service in the Civil War. He recruited a company, nearly all of whom were from his old home in Guilford. He was made First Lieutenant and served under Captain White, Company E, 15th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers; he was later taken sick and honorably discharged from the service.

November 17, 1859, Charles married Anna Read Baldwin, who was born January 15, 1839, daughter of George Baldwin. For many years then he was in the book and stationery business. Eventually he sold this business in New Haven, and became manager of the New Haven department of the Security Insurance Company with which he was associated early in life. He retired in 1905. Anna died March 12, 1911, in New Haven; Charles August 15, 1922.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Hattie Perkins, b. Mar. 1, 1864
- ii. George Richard, b. Dec. 21, 1865

Reference:

HATTIE PERKINS⁶ COAN (Charles R.⁵, Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born March 1, 1864, the daughter of Charles Richard and Anna R. (Baldwin) Coan. She married Clifford H. Booth May 17, 1884, in New Haven, Connecticut, son of Benjamin and Caroline (Andrew) Booth of New Haven and Nangatuck respectively.

Children (7) BOOTH

- i. Elenore Baldwin, b. Feb. 16, 1885
- ii. Marian, b. May 7, 1893

GEORGE RICHARD⁶ COAN (Charles R.⁵, Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born in New Haven, Connecticut, December 21, 1865, the son of Charles Richard and Anna Read (Baldwin) Coan. He attended both public and private schools in New Haven. When he had completed his education, he joined his father in a book business. Later he was with Bradley & Lee in the cigar and tobacco trade, and then with Stoddard, Gilbert & Company.

On December 21, 1887, he married Lucy Mansfield Bulkeley, who was born March 19, 1870. The only child of this marriage died in infancy; Lucy died July 16, 1888. George married second Mary Lenora Bunnell May 21, 1891, in Waterbury. She was the daughter of John B. and Helen A. Bunnell.

About 1890 George went into the insurance business with his father who was local manager of the Security Insurance Company of New Haven. In 1907 his father retired and George joined in a partnership relation with Henry B. Bunnell. George gave up the position of local manager for Security Insurance Company, and he and his partner opened up an office at 17 Center Street, New Haven, representing Security Insurance Company and also acting as local agents for other insurance corporations. In 1913 they moved to 25-27 Center Street and on June 1, 1917, incorporated their business under the name of Coan & Bunnell, Inc., with a capital of

sixty thousand dollars, all paid up by the officers of the company, who were George R. Coan, president; Mrs. Mary L. Coan, secretary; Henry B. Bunnell, treasurer.

George and Mary were members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mary belonged to Mary Clapp Worcester Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; to the Universal Sunshine Society, at one time treasurer of the Elm City Branch; and to the Woodbridge Auxiliary of the American Red Cross of which she was president. George held membership in the Woodmen of the World, the New Haven Colony Historical Society, the Young Men's Institute, the Chamber of Commerce, the Union League Club, and the Automobile Club of New Haven. He also belonged to the Young Republican Club, and was always a supporter of the Republican party.

In 1915 he built a home in Woodbridge and called this small, but highly productive farm Seven Acres. In 1917 he was elected to the Woodbridge branch of the State Council of Defense. He and Mary had no children.

Reference: Everett G. Hill, Modern History of New Haven and Eastern New Haven County (New York and Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1918), Vol. 2, pp. 470, 471.

Mary Hewitt Mitchell, History of New Haven County, Connecticut (Chicago and Boston: Pioneer Historical Publishing Co., 1930), Vol. III, pp. 330, 331.

BENNETT FOWLER⁵ COAN (Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born July 19, 1841, the son of Richard Davis and Flora Hitchcock (Grannis) Coan. On November 10, 1863, he married Hattie M. Carpenter in Athens, Ohio.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Flora Durand, b. Mar. 13, 1870; m. Harrison D. Emerson June 9, 1900
- ii. Anna Hawks, b. Oct. 27, 1873
- iii. Barbara Marie, b. Mar. 16, 1877

BARBARA MARIE⁶ COAN (Bennett F.⁵, Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born March 16, 1877, the daughter of Bennett Fowler and Hattie M. (Carpenter) Coan. On June 8, 1901, she married Lorne K. Emerson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Children (7) EMERSON

- i. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 17, 1902
- ii. Harriet Barbara, b. Sept. 11, 1904
- iii. Laura, b. Aug. 20, 1906

FRANCES ANNETTE⁵ COAN (Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born May 2, 1843, the daughter of Richard Davis and

Flora Hitchcock (Grannis) Coan. On October 17, 1866, she married Henry Percy, the son of Truman Percy of Watertown, Connecticut.

Children (6) PERCY

- i. Richard Truman, b. May 19, 1869; m. Josephine Jennings May 25, 1896, in Minneapolis, Minn.

JANE AUGUSTA⁵ COAN (Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born July 7, 1844, the daughter of Richard Davis and Flora Hitchcock (Grannis) Coan. In December of 1870 she married William H. Cornwall [Cornwell] of New Haven, Connecticut. Jane died in New Haven September 26, 1885.

Children (6) CORNWALL [CORNWELL]

- i. Flora May, b. Sept. 9, 1871

FLORA MAY CORNWALL [CORNWELL]⁶, the daughter of William H. and Jane Augusta (Coan) Cornwall [Cornwell], was born September 9, 1871. On August 12, 1891, she married Harry Dwight Kelsey of New Haven, Connecticut.

Children (7) KELSEY

- i. Harold
- ii. Marguerite
- iii. Beatrice
- iv. Lawrence

WILLIAM ARTHUR⁵ COAN (Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born July 26, 1847, the son of Richard Davis and Flora Hitchcock (Grannis) Coan. On February 4, 1869, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he married Jennie S. Lee.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Hamlet Lee, b. Dec. 9, 1869
- ii. Grace, b. June 26, 1877
- iii. Richard Davis, b. Sept. 21, 1883; m. Edna Peaslee June 22, 1907

GRACE⁶ COAN (William A.⁵, Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born June 26, 1877, daughter of William Arthur and Jennie S. (Lee) Coan. She married June 14, 1905, Edward W. Rainhard of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Children (7) RAINHARD

- i. Jeannie Lee, b. June 18, 1908

Camp Casey Va Nov²⁶
Mrs Joseph Coan
Dear Cousin

It is with
no little hesitation on my part that
I take my pen in hand to address
you at this time. Words will fail to
express to you my deep & heartfelt
sorrow at the loss which I as a Cousin
& we as a Company have just sustained,
in the death of your beloved Husband.

I remain with much respect - and
affections.

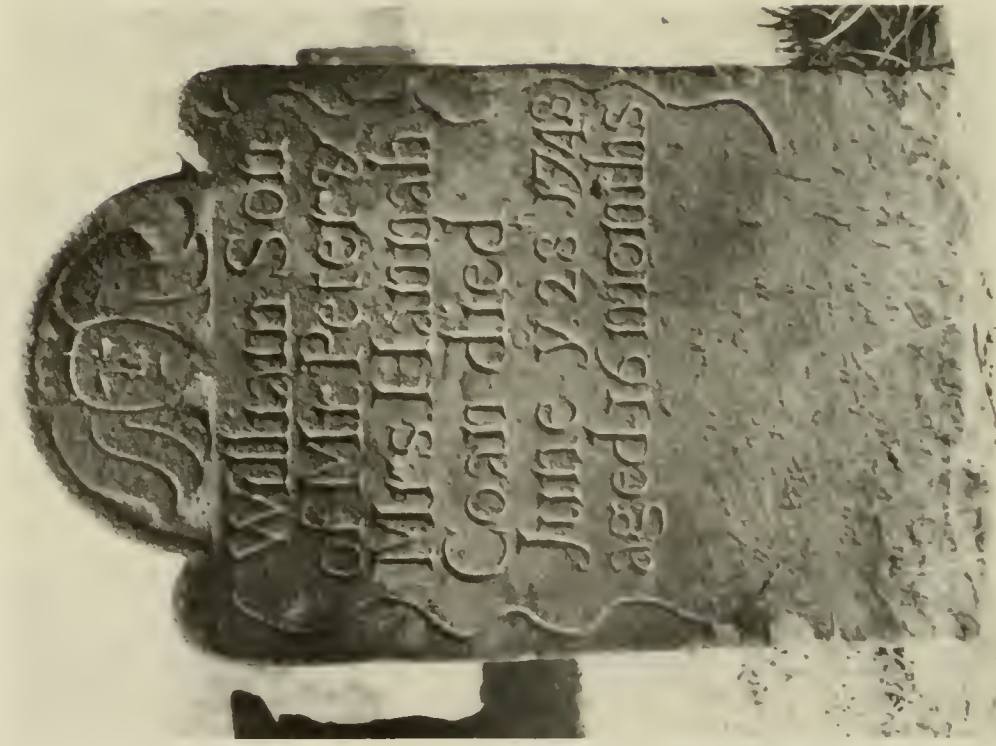
Yours Very Truly
Lieut Chas R. Coan

P. S.

We as brother Officers, with
Lieut Coan, do hereby bear witness
to the truth of his remarks;
~~concerning our late Friend, & we~~
also tender to his bereaved Wife &
Friends, our heartfelt sympathy

Geo. M. White, Capt.
Wm L. Burger, 1st Lieut.

Parts of letter from Lieutenant Charles Richard Coan to
Lydia Elizabeth Hall Coan on the death of her husband
Joseph in the Civil War. Courtesy C. C. Potter Collection.



In cemetery, North Guilford, Connecticut, is grave of William Coan. Photo by Gillian Rose.



Elisha Coan stone was originally on the Peter Coan lot in North Guilford. It was transferred to the cemetery there about 1844. Photo by Gillian Rose.

ELLA JEANNETTE⁵ COAN (Richard D.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born March 11, 1849, the daughter of Richard Davis and Flora Hitchcock (Grannis) Coan. In December, 1870, in Brooklyn, New York, she married Charles M. Evarts.

Children (6) EVARTS

- i. Percy W., b. Oct. 22, 1871; m. Ella Dowd Sept. 6, 1893
- ii. Louis B., b. Feb. 17, 1874
- iii. Roy, b. Feb. 17, 1886

WILLIAM LORENZO⁴ COAN (Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born in Meriden, Connecticut, December 20, 1821, the son of Davis and Catharine (Fowler) Coan. He married November 8, 1841, Jane Nancy Upson, who was born February 9, 1821, the daughter of Sheldon and Nancy (Hart) Upson. Jane died May 30, 1880.

Children (5) COAN all born in Meriden, Connecticut

- i. Jeannette, b. 1844; d. 1848
- ii. Jeannette Augusta, b. Sept. 16, 1849
- iii. William Noyes, b. Oct. 1855; d. Feb. 21, 1857
- iv. Ernest Lorenzo, b. Oct. 1857; d. Oct. 1857

Reference: Upson Family Association of America, The Upson Family in America (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, 1940), p. 228.

JEANNETTE (JANE) AUGUSTA⁵ COAN (William L.⁴, Davis³, John², Peter¹) was born in Meriden, Connecticut, September 6, 1849, the daughter of William Lorenzo and Jane Nancy (Upson) Coan. In 1868 she married Frank E. Little of Meriden.

Children (6) LITTLE

- i. Myra, b. Mar. 1869, in Jacksonville, Florida; d. Aug. 1869
- ii. Mabel Jane, b. Oct. 6, 1870
- iii. Lena Coan, b. Oct. 9, 1876
- iv. Charles Eugene, b. Aug. 1, 1878, in Washington, D.C.

ELISHA² COAN (Peter¹) was born November 29, 1739, in North Guilford, Connecticut, the son of Peter and Hannah (Davis) Coan. He served in the French and Indian War in the First Regiment under Major-General Phineas Lyman, Fifth Company, commanded by Captain Andrew Ward, Jr., of Guilford, Connecticut, with Samuel Bartlett of Guilford as second lieutenant.

He was listed on a pay roll of Captain Ward's company in 1758. He enlisted April 19, 1758 and was discharged December 13. At this time the home government in England was reimbursing the colony for campaign expenses. England paid these expenses from 1755 to 1762. (Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, Vol. X, p. ix)

His later service was in the campaign of 1759. He died of smallpox November 12, 1759, aged 19; and chances are he died in the service. He was buried in the old Coan private yard on the homestead, but the stone was removed about 1844 by Theophilus Rossiter and placed in the cemetery in North Guilford by Jerome and John Coan.

MARY² COAN (Peter¹) was born at North Guilford, Connecticut, July 13, 1750, the daughter of Peter and Hannah (Davis) Coan. She married Jacob Kimberly born at Guilford, Connecticut, by 1748, the son of Abraham and Mary (Sherman) Kimberly. Jacob served in the French War in 1761 and 1762. They were living in Goshen, Connecticut, in 1788; in Winchester, Connecticut, in 1790; in Goshen in 1794; in Winchester in 1801; in Torrington, Connecticut, in 1802; and in Otis, Massachusetts, in 1815. "He was a convivial man, of great humor...known for witty sayings." (Genealogy of the Kimberly Family, p. 51) Jacob died at Sandisfield, Massachusetts, March 4, 1820.

Children (3) KIMBERLY

- i. Jacob, b. abt. 1769
- ii. Hubbard, b. abt. 1772
- iii. Polly, b. abt. 1774; m. at Torrington, Conn.,
May 31, 1795, _____ Bates of Torrington
- iv. Joel
- v. Wealthy
- vi. Elisha, b. abt. 1783
- vii. William
- viii. Rebecca, m. (intention Otis, Mass., Mar. 13,
1808) Chester Baird, b. Nov. 23, 1783, Becket,
Mass., son of Asa and Abigail Baird
- ix. Hannah
- x. Betsy

Reference: Jacobus, The Kimberly Family, p. 51.

JACOB KIMBERLY³, the son of Jacob and Mary (Coan) Kimberly, was born about 1769. He married June 11, 1797, Nancy Pond, of Torrington. In 1800 he became the owner of the old Caleb Beach place, in Hall Meadow, Winchester, Connecticut, and lived there until his death. He died at Winchester, December 24, 1813, aged 44.

The Widow Nancy Kimberly was recommended from the Winchester Church October 4, 1816, to Torrington, and dismissed from there in 1831.

Children (4) KIMBERLY recorded at Winchester:

- i. Laura, b. Apr. 16, 1798
- ii. Freelove, b. Nov. 2, 1799; d. Sept. 17, 1801
- iii. Olive, b. Apr. 14, 1801; d. Nov. 3, 1808
- iv. Freelove, b. Jan. 21, 1804; m. at Goshen, Conn., Dec. 24, 1821, Addison Sweet
- v. Horace Sidney, b. July 26, 1805; d. at Goshen, June 10, 1822, aged 17
- vi. Esther Emily, b. June 22, 1807
- vii. Mary Mehitable, b. Mar. 17, 1810
- viii. Silas, b. Apr. 29, 1812; d. Dec. 6, 1812, 7 mos.
- ix. Jacob Harvey, b. Nov. 8, 1813

Reference: Jacobus, The Kimberly Family, p. 88.

HUBBARD KIMBERLY³, the son of Jacob and Mary (Coan) Kimberly was born about 1772. He married at New Haven, Connecticut, in Trinity Episcopal Church, January 9, 1796, Mary Thomas, baptized at Trinity Church, New Haven, August 31, 1777, daughter of Benajah and Mehitable (Platt) Thomas. She died at Goshen, March 9, 1849, aged 72. Hubbard and Mary were admitted to the First Church in Goshen, November 3, 1799. He died there April 18, 1849, aged 77.

Children (4) KIMBERLY born probably at Goshen:

- i. Wealthy Maria, b. about 1797; d. at Goshen, July 25, 1870, aged 73, unmarried
- ii. Mehetable, b. about 1799, d. at Goshen, March 15, 1880, aged 81, unmarried
- iii. Henry, b. about 1801
- iv. William, m. Emily _____, who married second _____ Hotchkiss. Children untraced, except:
1. Mary T., b. about 1833; d. at Goshen, April 20, 1834, aged 1
- v. Riley, b. about 1807; d. at Goshen, Jan. 17, 1832, aged 24
- vi. Roswell, b. about 1810; admitted a member of the First Church, Goshen, January 6, 1824, and later dismissed to Binghamton, N.Y.; listed with his wife and three children at Derby, Conn., in the 1850 Census; m. (1) Olive Cady; m. (2) at Harwinton, Conn., Aug. 30, 1840, Delia Morse, b. about 1818. Children by first wife (based on Census record and wills of his sisters):

1. Dothia E., b. in Conn., Apr. 23, 1834; d. Sept. 20, 1912; m. May 18, 1856, Frederick Holbrook, b. at Seymour, Conn., Aug. 14, 1833, d. at West Ansonia, Conn., Jan. 22, 1890, son of Phil and Emily (Tomlinson) Holbrook
 2. Auren T., b. in New York, about 1837; m. Teresa _____; no children
- Child by second wife:
3. Esther, b. in Connecticut, about 1844

Reference: Jacobus, The Kimberly Family, pp. 88, 89, 90.

ELISHA KIMBERLY³, son of Jacob and Mary (Coan) Kimberly, was born about 1783. He married Anna _____.

Elisha bought land in Otis, Massachusetts, in 1814 from Moses Richards, also from Charles Webster, and sold with Moses Richards the same year. On June 27, 1833, Elisha sold the land "which I purchased of my father Jacob Kimberly November 14, 1810," his wife Anna signing with him, to Lorenzo Webb. (Berkshire County Deeds, 50:588, 54:120; 55:61; 90:491.)

The probate shows that Elisha Kimberly died July 2, 1833, at Otis, Massachusetts, aged 50.

After 1833 Anna moved to Stockbridge, New York.

Children (4) KIMBERLY

- i. Sherman
- ii. Eli, b. May 11, 1807
- iii. Emaline, b. Aug. 19, 1809; m. (intention, Otis, Sept. 18, 1827), Loomis Webb
- iv. Ann Eliza, b. Aug. 23, 1812; m. as "Eliza Ann," (intention, Otis, Aug. 5, 1830), Lorenzo Webb
- v. Lovisa, b. July 20, 1817

Reference: Jacobus, The Kimberly Family, pp. 90, 91.

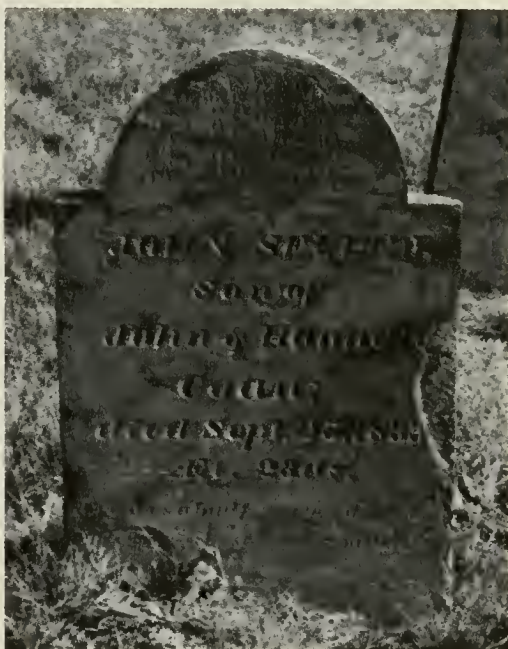
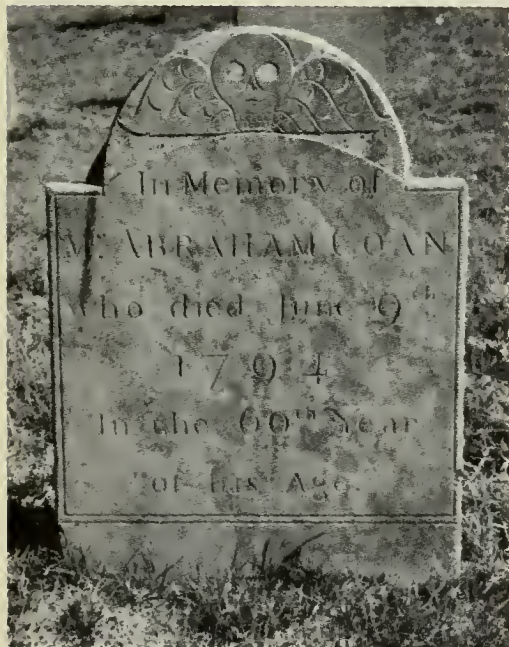
WILLIAM KIMBERLY⁴ was the son of Jacob and Mary (Coan) Kimberly. He married Matilda _____ and died at Otis, Massachusetts, September 13, 1841.

Children (5) KIMBERLY born at Otis, Mass.:

- i. Erastus, b. July 16, 1822; m. at Otis, Dec. 29, 1847, Abigail Cornwell, b. about 1824, daughter of Chester and Penelope Cornwell
- ii. Homer, b. Mar. 27, 1824
- iii. Mary, b. Feb. 10, 1826; m. at Otis, Nov. 27, 1846, William P. Turner, of Great Barrington, Mass.

- iv. Austin, b. Apr. 16, 1828; d. at Otis, Mass.,
Jan. 14, 1903; m. Charlotte M. _____
- v. Matilda, b. May 14, 1830; d. Nov. 15, 1830
- vi. Elizabeth, b. June 18, 1832
- vii. Huldah, b. Mar. 4, 1834
- viii. Henderson, b. June 5, 1836; d. at Sandisfield,
Mass., Nov. 25, 1893; m. Aura A. _____.
His children were Adaline L. who married Elmer
E. Bills of Tyringham, Mass.; Frederick W.,
resided in 1893 at Barkhamsted, Conn.; John B.
resided in 1893 at Sandisfield; Flora E. and
Alice M.
- ix. William, b. May 31, 1841; d. at Tyringham,
Mass., Apr. 19, 1916; m. Ellen S. Johnson,
daughter of Myron H. Johnson of Tyringham. He
lived in 1872 in Lee, Mass. His children were:
Arthur, who resided in 1916 in Pittsfield,
Mass.; Marion I., m. _____ Briggs of West-
field, Mass.; and Leila L., m. _____ Vos-
burgh of Philmont, N.Y.

Reference: Jacobus, The Kimberly Family, pp. 91, 92.



Gravestones of Abraham² Coan (left) and John Sellew⁵ Coan, North Truro, Massachusetts. Photographs by Mrs. Willard H. Griffin.



GRAVESTONE, NORTH TRURO, CAPE COD
"Erected by the request of the Grand Children

*In the memory of
 Samuel Coan
 who died Dec. 15, 1808
 in his 43^d year*

*Betsy Coan
 widow of Samuel Coan
 died Oct. 1, 1854, in her 83^d year
 Also their two sons*

*Abraham Coan
 was killed in an encounter with
 the natives of the Feejee Islands
 in the year 1812, aged 21 years*

*Benjamin Coan
 was drowned at sea Dec. 3, 1815
 in his 22^d year"*

Courtesy Life, July 15, 1940.



*Union Church, North Truro, where the Rev-
 erend Osborn Myrick was pastor 1842-1845.
 Courtesy Shebnah Rich, Truro — Cape Cod.*

*The Reverend Osborn Myrick
 husband of Joanna Coan Mills.
 Courtesy Shebnah Rich, Truro —
 Cape Cod.*



CHAPTER 4

CAPE COD COANS

ABRAHAM² COAN AND DESCENDANTS

Principal Source used in this chapter:

George Ernest Bowman, transcriber, Vital Records of the Town of Truro, Massachusetts, to the Year 1849 (Boston: Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1933)

Other References given in text and after biographies where they have been used.

ABRAHAM² COAN (Peter¹) was born in East Hampton, Long Island, New York, and baptized there August 6, 1732, the son of Peter and Hannah (Davis) Coan. About 1737 Abraham moved with the family to North Guilford, Connecticut. When he was a young man, he went back to East Hampton where he married Joanna _____. Family records say he separated from his wife and went alone to Truro, Massachusetts, after his son Abraham was born. According to Edward Doubleday Harris's "Ancient Burial Grounds of Long Island," New England Historical and Genealogical Register, October, 1900, Vol. 54, p. 428, in a listing of cemetery inscriptions in East Hampton there is the following marking on an old stone:

In Memory
of
Mrs. Joanna
Wife of
Abram Coan
who died
Oct. 29, 1757
in her
24th
Year

The stone is among Dayton and Osborn gravestones, so Joanna might have been a Dayton or an Osborn. However, in the birth records for the years 1732, 1733, and 1734 kept by Nathaniel Huntting, minister of the East Hampton church, no Joanna Dayton or Joanna Osborn was listed. There was a Joanna Hudson, born November 4, 1733, daughter of Sam Hudson; and a Joanna Hedges, born May 26, 1734, daughter of Isaac Hedges. One of these might have been Abraham's wife.

There was no further family record of Abraham and Joanna's son Abraham. He apparently never went to Truro with his father. Maybe he died. But in Frederic Gregory Mather's The Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut (Albany, N.Y.: J. B. Lyon Company, Printers, 1913), p. 995, there was a list of the First Regiment of Minute Men from Suffolk County, New York (of which East Hampton is a part), and an Abraham Coan was among the enlisted men. This Abraham could very well have been Joanna's son. In the Federal Census of 1790 for the State of New York, Dutchess County, in the town of Washington, there was an Abraham Coan whose household included one male 16 years and up, one male under 16 years, and four females including children and heads of family. That was the last known record which might have referred to Abraham and Joanna's son.

At Truro Abraham, like most of the other residents, "followed the sea for a livelihood and seemed to be fairly well-to-do for his times"; so says the family record of Myrtie Fisher Seaverns. He married second at Truro on October 11, 1759, Christian Hinckley, who was born in Truro November 10, 1739, and baptized there November 11, 1739, the daughter of Shubael and Mary (Snow) Hinckley. Christian was a descendant of Samuel Hinckley who came to this country from England on the Hercules in 1635 and settled in Barnstable, Cape Cod, with his wife Sarah and four children. She also was a descendant of Stephen Hopkins of the Mayflower.

Abraham died at Truro June 9, 1794; and his wife Christian, May 11, 1816.

Children (3) COAN

Children by Joanna

- i. Abraham, bpt. Jan. 23, 1757

Children by Christian

- ii. Joanna, b. Nov. 8, 1760
- iii. Peter, b. Oct. 1, 1762; bpt. Nov. 21, 1762; d. Mar. 7, 1784 at sea
- iv. Shubael, b. Oct. 3, 1764
- v. Samuel, bpt. Nov. 2, 1766
- vi. Christian, b. Feb. 9, 1769
- vii. Elisha Davis, b. Apr. 18, 1771
- viii. John, bpt. Apr. 11, 1773
- ix. Benjamin, b. May 7, 1775
- x. Abraham Dyer, b. June 19, 1776; d. Aug. 7, 1784
- xi. Hannah, b. Apr. 26, 1782

Reference: Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family, a manuscript, 1910, p. 2, owned by compiler; also included in Myrtie Fisher Seaverns's manuscript, Descendants of Captain Elisha Coan and His Wife, Mary Atkins Coan, 1932, at the New England His-

toric Genealogical Society Library, Boston, Mass.

"Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Deaths in East Hampton, Long Island, from 1696 to 1746," New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1898), Vol. 30, p. 41.

John Harvey Treat, Truro Baptisms (Lawrence, Mass.: James Ward, Jr., 1886) pp. 32, 36, 43.

JOANNA³ COAN (Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Abraham and Christian (Hinckley) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, November 8, 1760, and baptized there April 5, 1761. She married Francis Small, who was born in Truro March 18, 1757, the son of Francis and Elizabeth (Smith) Small.

Children (4) SMALL

- i. Francis, Jr., b. Nov. 23, 1784
- ii. Samuel, b. Jan. 3, 1789
- iii. John, b. July 25, 1791
- iv. Joanna, b. June 11, 1794; married Joseph Mayo, Provincetown, Nov. 13, 1817
- v. Hannah, b. June 25, 1797
- vi. Christian, b. Mar. 19, 1799; d. 1831
- vii. Elizabeth, b. May 17, 1803; married Lot Harding Oct. 30, 1824

Reference: Treat, Truro Baptisms, p. 30.

FRANCIS SMALL, JR.⁴, son of Francis and Joanna (Coan) Small, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, November 21, 1784. He married Anna Stevens, 2nd, December 13, 1807. He died, aged 65, January 30, 1849.

Children (5) SMALL

- i. Anna, b. Dec. 8, 1808
- ii. Francis, Jr., b. July 15, 1812; married Betsy M. Stevens, daughter of John and Mary Stevens September 19, 1839
- iii. John Stevens, b. Apr. 9, 1815
- iv. Sally Kemp, b. July 20, 1823
- v. Abraham Coan, Aug. 1, 1820
- vi. Levi Stevens, b. Dec. 8, 1830

SAMUEL SMALL⁴, son of Francis and Joanna (Coan) Small, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, January 3, 1789. He married Hannah S. Smith January 9, 1817.

Children (5) SMALL

- i. Samuel, b. Sept. 28, 1821
- ii. Hannah, b. May, 1822; d. aged 16 months, Jan. 27, 1823
- iii. Joshua Paine, b. Dec. 27, 1823
- iv. John, b. Sept. 10, 1826; lost at sea, aged 19, 1845

³ SHUBAEL ² COAN (Abraham ¹, Peter ¹), son of Abraham and Christian (Hinckley) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, October 3, 1764. He married in Truro December 11, 1788, Deliverance Atkins who was born there July 19, 1767, daughter of Joshua Atkins, Jr., and Abigail. Shubael, like his father Abraham, spent his life as a seaman. He was a captain, when at the age of 34 on May 2, 1799, along with Captain John Hughes, (age 48), Paul Dyer (age 29) and Hutta Dyer (age 17) he was drowned at Pond Landing from a whale boat returning from their vessel.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Joanna, b. Oct. 23, 1789
- ii. Peter, b. Sept. 3, 1791; d. June 8, 1799
- iii. Rebekah, b. Sept. 8, 1793
- iv. Mary (known also as Polly), b. Jan. 10, 1796
- v. Nabby, b. Feb. 10, 1798

Reference: Shebnah Rich, Truro--Cape Cod or Land Marks and Sea Marks (Boston: D. Lothrop and Company, 1884), p. 489.

⁴ JOANNA ³ COAN (Shubael ², Abraham ¹, Peter ¹), daughter of Shubael and Deliverance (Atkins) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, October 23, 1789. She married in Truro January 21, 1810, James Lombard Atkins, who was born in Truro August 7, 1787, the son of Samuel and Ruth Atkins. He died November, 1821, in Boston.

She married second (marriage intentions in Truro December 11, 1824) Chauncy Marcy, who was born March 2, 1800, the son of Benjamin and Hannah (Starks) Marcy of Springfield, Massachusetts. Chauncy died at Truro November 8, 1827. Joanna died April 22, 1875, aged 85.

⁴ REBEKAH ³ COAN (Shubael ², Abraham ¹, Peter ¹), daughter of Shubael and Deliverance (Atkins) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, September 8, 1793. She married Stephen Mills at Truro October 1, 1811. They were married by the Reverend Jude Damon, pastor of the Congregational Church. Mr. Damon kept a record of the marriages he performed during his years

as minister. He also recorded the fees he was paid. Six shillings was the fee required by law. Often he was given more than the required amount--one crown, a crown and pistareen, four crowns, nine shillings three and one half pence, a half guinea, a guinea. The largest fee he ever received for his 438 recorded marriages was given him by Stephen when Mr. Damon married him and Rebekah--two guineas!

During the War of 1812 Stephen was a member of the committee of safety. After Stephen's death Rebekah married second David Brown August 12, 1845. He was the son of David and Eunice Brown of Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Children (5) MILLS

- i. Elizabeth Fernald, b. Mar. 25, 1813
- ii. Rebekah, b. Jan. 14, 1815
- iii. Joanna, b. Apr. 7, 1819
- iv. Delia A., b. Mar. 27, 1821

Reference: Rich, Truro--Cape Cod, pp. 300, 355.

REBEKAH MILLS⁵, daughter of Stephen and Rebekah (Coan) Mills, was born in Truro, January 14, 1815. On December 12, 1833, at Truro she married Thomas S. Hopkins, who was born January 9, 1809, son of Lemuel and Hannah Hopkins of Truro.

Children (6) HOPKINS

- i. Ellen Sophia, b. Sept. 24, 1834, Truro
- ii. Angeline Susan Atkins, b. June 14, 1838, Truro

JOANNA COAN MILLS⁵, daughter of Stephen and Rebekah (Coan) Mills was born April 7, 1819, at Truro. On January 13, 1845, she married Osborn Myrick of Provincetown, son of William and Lydia Myrick. He was born in Orleans, Massachusetts, August 27, 1816. He was graduated from Middlebury College and received his first license to preach from the Brewster Association. In October, 1842, he was called to the Union Church at North Truro, just completed in 1840. He was the first Congregational minister there and served until March, 1845, when he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Provincetown. He was ordained in February, 1846. This church for many years had been without a regular minister and was under the Home Missionary Society. Under Mr. Myrick's capable leadership the church became active and had a full congregation. He served this church until 1866 when he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Middleton Springs, Vermont.

Children (6) MYRICK

- i. Jane Josephine, b. Nov. 5, 1846; d. Sept. 20, 1849
- ii. Joseph, b. July 22, 1851; d. July 19, 1864
- iii. Osborn, Jr., b. Aug. 9, 1853

Reference: Rich, Truro--Cape Cod, p. 379.

MARY⁴ COAN (known also as POLLY COAN) (Shubael³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Shubael and Deliverance (Atkins) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, January 10, 1796. She married John Stevens, 2nd, January 23, 1817, in Truro.

Children (5) STEVENS

- i. Betsy Mills, b. Aug. 19, 1818
- ii. John Richard, b. Jan. 29, 1821
- iii. Mary Ann, b. Apr. 9, 1831

BETSY MILLS STEVENS⁵, daughter of John and Polly (Coan) Stevens, was born August 19, 1818, at Truro. She married September 19, 1839, Francis Small, Jr., son of Francis and Anna Small, all of Truro. They were married by the Reverend William Barstow of the Methodist Church.

NABBY COAN⁴ (Shubael³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Shubael and Deliverance (Atkins) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, February 10, 1798. On October 21, 1817, she married Thomas Smith, who was born in Truro January 6, 1792, the son of Barzilla and Mary Smith.

Children (5) SMITH

- i. Shubael Coan, b. July 24, 1818
- ii. Lombard Atkins, b. July 15, 1821

SAMUEL COAN³ (Abraham², Peter¹), son of Abraham and Christian (Hinckley) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, and baptized November 2, 1766. He married November 30, 1788, at Truro Elizabeth Dyer, baptized October 25, 1772, daughter of Fulke and Elizabeth (Atkins) Dyer of Truro. Samuel died December 15, 1808; Elizabeth died October 1, 1854.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Abraham, b. Feb. 13, 1789
- ii. Samuel, Jr., b. Sept. 20, 1792
- iii. Benjamin, b. Aug. 25, 1794; d. Dec. 3, 1815; drowned at sea

Truro, January 25, 1826, at a quarterly meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the town of Truro, voted to build a meeting-house. Made choice of the following members as trustees for the said house:

JOHN SMITH. *President.*

SAMUEL COAN,

ZOHETH SMITH,

JOHN RICH,

MICHAEL COLLINS. *Secretary.*

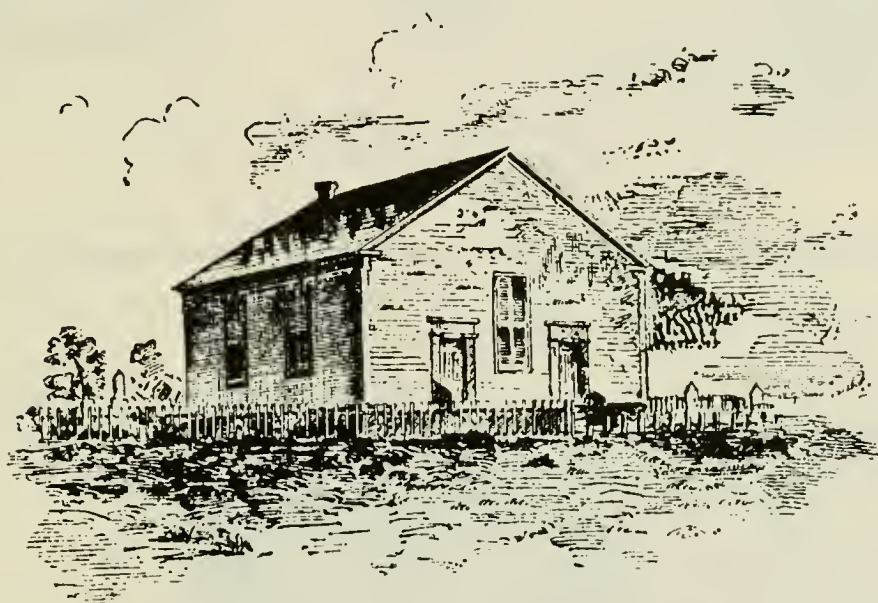
SAMUEL SMALL,

EBENEZER L. DAVIS,

JOEL ATWOOD,

CORNELIUS HAMBLIN OF WELLFLEET.

Voted, that Captain Michael Collins and Ebenezer L. Davis be a Building Committee.



(top) 1826-Meetinghouse of the M.E. Church, Truro-1882.

Courtesy Shebnah Rich, Truro—Cape Cod. (bottom) Hannah Avery Coan, wife of Captain Samuel Coan, Jr. Courtesy Jane G. Carter and Susie P. Holmes, Genealogical Record of the Dedham Branch of the Avery Family in America.





*Mackerel fleet getting under way — Provincetown Harbor.
Courtesy Shebnah Rich, Truro — Cape Cod.*



North Truro Cemetery gravestone of Captain Samuel Coan, Jr., aged 54 years, who was drowned by the upsetting of a boat near Pond Landing in 1847. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.

- iv. Betsey, b. Apr. 14, 1797
- v. Emma, b. Sept. 22, 1799
- vi. Hannah, b. Sept. 14, 1801
- vii. Paul Dyer, b. Oct. 28, 1802
- viii. Christian, b. 1806; d. Aug. 13, 1880, Truro
- ix. John, b. July 3, 1808

Reference: Rich, Truro--Cape Cod, p. 496.

⁴ABRAHAM ³COAN (Samuel ², Abraham ¹, Peter ¹), son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dyer) Coan, was born in Truro February 13, 1789. He was killed at Queen Charlotte's Island, Nootka Sound, when the natives of the Feejee [Fiji] Islands attacked the ship. He died 1812. [1811.]

Reference: Rich, Truro--Cape Cod, p. 495.

⁴SAMUEL ³COAN (Samuel ², Abraham ¹, Peter ¹), son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dyer) Coan, was born in Truro September 20, 1792. He married Betsy Dyer September 18, 1817. She was born October 6, 1794 and died December 12, 1821. On December 24, 1822, he married Hannah Avery, who was born November 20, 1803, the daughter of Captain John and Rebecca (Knowles) Avery.

Capt. Samuel Coan was drowned by the upsetting of a boat at the Pond landing, April 26th, 1847, at the age of 54 years. He is said to have been an old and successful skipper, a highly respected citizen. His vessel, the Brenda, was all fitted for a trip mackerel-ing, at Provincetown, and he with his crew, all of whom were young--between the ages of thirteen and, perhaps, twenty-three--were going home to spend a day or two before sailing, when they sailed to "that unexplored shore." His two sons, Benjamin and Samuel, and two others, succeeded in clinging to the overturned boat, in spite of the rough sea, until taken off by friends who saw their perilous condition from the shore. These were the only survivors. This sad event cast a gloom over the whole community. (Jane G. [Avery] Carter and Susie P. Holmes, comp., Genealogical Record of the Dedham Branch of the Avery Family in America [Plymouth, Mass.: Winslow W. Avery, 1893], p. 232).

Three others who drowned with Captain Coan were Andrew Cassidy, aged 16; Nathaniel Paine, aged 14; and John Ridley, aged 13. Their destination in a few days was to have been the Grand Banks. Although Truro, where they were headed then, was only eight to ten miles by sea from Provincetown, those few miles were very treacherous. A clay vein, which slants across the ocean floor, crops out at Truro 100-150

feet high, crowned by Highland Light, one of the most powerful on the Atlantic Coast. Sand was sometimes 300 feet deep; and when a storm blew across the narrow three-to-four mile strip of land at Truro, the wind whirled the flinty sand so hard the cottages had ground glass window panes. The shifty sandbars had caught, twisted, and broken the hulls of innumerable boats. One gale of wind actually wrecked 18 vessels between the end of the Cape and the clay cliffs at Truro. It was in these dangerous waters that Captain Coan and the three boys drowned that April night. This is the same place that Captain Samuel's uncle, Captain Shubael Coan, lost his life, along with three others, May 2, 1799. Pond Landing was an ill-fated spot for two Coan captains.

Mrs. Hannah (Avery) Coan was a worthy member of the M. E. Church for many years, and although confined to the house by age and infirmities, retained an interest in the prosperity of Zion. Her life was an uneventful one, having passed it almost wholly in North Truro, where she was highly esteemed for her many kind deeds. ...She was the last survivor of the Avery family in Truro. She died January 9, 1892, aged 88 years. A local paper speaks of her as follows:

"She with her husband, Samuel Coan, were among the members of the Methodist class organized in 1820, Rev. Frederick Upham being their pastor. Mrs. Coan was a widow 45 years. Her husband was drowned with five of his crew, on his way from Provincetown, not many miles from home. She mourned for him, not as one without hope, for her trust was in God, whom they both loved and served. Mrs. Coan loved the church of her choice, and held sacred to its doctrines, although, as the infirmities of years increased, she was compelled to stay away from the public means of grace. Her faith was strong in her Savior. As long as she could reply, when asked if it was light as she neared the valley, replied with earnestness, 'Light? it's all light. My lamp is trimmed and burning.'" (Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 233)

Children (5) COAN

- i. Benjamin, b. Mar. 15, 1824
- ii. Betsey Dyer, b. June 26, 1825
- iii. Rebecca A., b. July 6, 1827
- iv. Samuel, b. Nov. 16, 1829
- v. Emily, b. and d. in infancy
- vi. Mary A., b. Nov. 5, 1834; d. Feb. 3, 1853, aged 18 years
- vii. Sally Smith, b. Apr. 2, 1837; d. Jan. 9, 1841
- viii. Ezra Finney, b. Oct. 28, 1841; went to California
- ix. Laura Ann, b. Dec. 2, 1844

Reference: Lyman P. Powell, ed., Historic Towns of New England (New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons, The Knickerbocker Press, 1901), pp. 370-372.

BENJAMIN⁵ COAN (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Captain Samuel and Hannah (Avery) Coan, Jr., was born in Truro, Massachusetts, March 15, 1824. In January 21, 1851, he married Sally Kemp Small, born June 20, 1823, daughter of Francis and Annie (Stevens) Small of Truro. Captain Benjamin followed the sea for forty-one years (1833-1874), twenty years of that time as master. He was listed in "Ship Registers of Gloucester, 1789-1875," The Essex Institute Historical Collections (Salem, Mass.: Newcomb & Sons Co., Printers, 1941), Vol. 77, p. 372, as being co-owner of the schooner Ann Maria along with John G. Small, Levi G. Small, Richard S. Small, Richard Atwood, and James Stevens, all of Truro. The Ann Maria was described as 68 7/95 tons; built in Essex in 1850; length, 62 feet; breadth, 18 feet 4 inches; depth, 6 feet 11 inches; one deck, two masts, square stern, billet head. She was registered March 17, 1853; Previous Enrollment No. 34, March 11, 1852.

Benjamin was clerk and treasurer of Christian Union Church for several years. He was also a member of the Board of Selectmen. He died October 17, 1901, in Truro.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Alma, b. 1852
- ii. Benjamin Willis, b. 1855; died in infancy
- iii. Sarah Anna, b. Dec. 12, 1858; died at the age of six years

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 233.

BETSEY DYER⁵ COAN (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Captain Samuel and Hannah (Avery) Coan, Jr., was born in Truro, Massachusetts, June 26, 1825. She married April 15, 1847, David Dyer Smith, son of Isaac and Sally (Dyer) Smith of North Truro. David and Betsey moved from North Truro to Provincetown in April, 1864. He engaged in the dry goods business there.

Children (6) SMITH

- i. Emily Franklin, b. Jan. 19, 1848
- ii. David Austin
- iii. Isaac Finney

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 234.

EMILY FRANKLIN SMITH⁶, daughter of David Dyer and Betsey Dyer (Coan) Smith, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, January 19, 1848, and was educated in the public schools of North Truro and Provincetown. She was graduated from Boston School of Oratory and taught elocution at Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Georgia.

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 234.

DAVID AUSTIN SMITH⁶, son of David Dyer and Betsey Dyer (Coan) Smith, married Mary Dalton, daughter of Charles E. and Maria Dalton of Bloomington, Illinois.

Children (7) SMITH

i. Helen Brownell, b. 1885

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 234.

ISAAC FINNEY SMITH⁶, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, July 6, 1860, son of David Dyer and Betsey Dyer (Coan) Smith. He was a graduate of Provincetown High School and Amherst College, Class of 1883. He was a teacher in Poughkeepsie, New York, 1883-85; and taught at Fort Bowie, Arizona, 1885-86. In 1886 he was a private tutor in New York City and received an M.A. degree from Amherst. He then taught at the Browning School in New York City. Also he was a lecturer for the New York City Board of Education.

Reference: Robert S. Fletcher and Malcolm O. Young, eds. Amherst College Biographical Record of Graduates and Non-Graduates (Amherst, Mass.: Published by the College, 1927), p. 445.

REBECCA A. COAN⁵ (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Captain Samuel and Hannah (Avery) Coan, Jr., was born in Truro, Massachusetts, July 6, 1827. She married Jeremiah Hopkins of North Truro December 2, 1847.

Children (6) HOPKINS

- i. Samuel Coan, b. Aug. 5, 1849
- ii. Mary Coan, b. Oct. 28, 1850
- iii. Jeremiah Franklin, b. July 24, 1854
- iv. Betsey Smith, b. Dec. 4, 1855
- v. Albion Leslie, b. Apr. 6, 1862
- vi. Edith Laura, b. Dec. 5, 1864
- vii. Fred Johnson, b. Jan. 1, 1866
- viii. Ezra Finney Coan, b. Dec. 30, 1866

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 234.

SAMUEL COAN HOPKINS⁶, son of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Coan) Hopkins, was born in North Truro, Massachusetts, August 5, 1849. He married Anna Rich of Truro. After her death, he married Julia Goslene of Boston.

Children (7) HOPKINS by Anna Rich

i. Mary Bell

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 234.

MARY COAN HOPKINS⁶, daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Coan) Hopkins, was born in North Truro, Massachusetts, October 28, 1850. She married John F. Havender of Provincetown.

Children (7) HAVENDER

i. Ada Bell

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 234.

JEREMIAH FRANKLIN HOPKINS⁶, son of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Coan) Hopkins, was born in North Truro, Massachusetts, July 24, 1854. He married Annie Battle of Boston.

Children (7) HOPKINS

i. James Franklin

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 234.

EDITH LAURA HOPKINS⁶, daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Coan) Hopkins, was born in North Truro, December 5, 1864. She married January 1, 1888, William P. Paine.

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 235.

FRED JOHNSON HOPKINS⁶, son of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Coan) Hopkins, was born in North Truro, Massachusetts, January 1, 1866. He married October 25, 1891, Ethel M. Boucher.

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 235.

EZRA FINNEY COAN HOPKINS⁶, son of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Coan) Hopkins, was born in North Truro, Massachusetts,

December 30, 1866. He married November 2, 1891, Sadie A. Nolan.

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 235.

SAMUEL⁵ COAN (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Captain Samuel and Hannah (Avery) Coan, Jr., was born in Truro, Massachusetts, November 16, 1829. He was a teacher and resided with his mother. His death certificate said he was formerly a seaman. On May 23, 1914, aged 84, he died in Truro and was buried in Old North Cemetery there.

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 231.
Deaths 1914 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 99, p. 234.

LAURA A.⁵ COAN (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹), youngest child of Captain Samuel and Hannah (Avery) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, December 2, 1844. She was educated in the public schools of North Truro. At the age of seventeen she began teaching in Royalston, Massachusetts, and for the next seven years taught in the public schools of this state. In 1869 she accepted a position as teacher in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and taught there for the next three years. August 26, 1872, she married John E. Sofield of Perth Amboy.

Children (6) SOFIELD

- i. Emily Austin
- ii. Agnes Blanch
- iii. Edith Laura
- iv. Henrietta Maud
- v. Bessie Coan
- vi. Beccie Avery, d. Sept. 24, 1887

Reference: Carter and Holmes, Avery Genealogy, p. 231.

BETSEY⁴ COAN (Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, April 14, 1797, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dyer) Coan. She married James Morton, Jr., of Plymouth March 31, 1816, at Truro.

EMMA⁴ COAN (Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dyer) Coan, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, and baptized September 22, 1799. On October 22, 1818, she married Jonathan Collins, 2nd, who was born September 14, 1793, the son of John and Hannah Collins.

Children (5) COLLINS

- i. Sarah H., b. Dec. 2, 1818
- ii. Betsy, b. Oct. 13, 1820
- iii. Mary Coan, b. Oct. 11, 1823
- iv. Dorcas Lombard, b. Sept. 5, 1827
- v. Jonathan, Jr., Mar. 11, 1830
- vi. Emma Coan, b. Sept. 28, 1831
- vii. Sylvanus, b. Oct. 6, 1835
- viii. John, 2nd, b. June 22, 1837

SARAH H. COLLINS⁵, daughter of Jonathan, 2nd, and Emma (Coan) Collins, was born December 2, 1818, in Truro. She married Sylvester Sleeper of Charleston September 26, 1839. The Reverend Charles Boyter performed the ceremony.

BETSY COLLINS⁵, daughter of Jonathan, 2nd, and Emma (Coan) Collins, was born October 13, 1820, in Truro. She married Lawrence A. Smith, a mariner, son of Samuel H. and Anna Smith, January 23, 1845. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend C. A. Carter of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MARY C. COLLINS⁵, daughter of Jonathan, 2nd, and Emma (Coan) Collins, was born in Truro October 11, 1823. She married Peter L. Atwood of Wellfleet December 29, 1840. The Reverend Charles Boyter, performed the ceremony.

Children (6) ATWOOD

- i. Sylvester P., b. 1847

SYLVESTER P. ATWOOD⁶, son of Peter L. and Mary Coan (Collins) Atwood, was born in Wellfleet in 1847. He followed the sea from 1859 until 1885 when he took charge of weir fishing. He was for eight years master of coasting and fishing vessels. He married Sarah Paine, daughter of Samuel and Mercy D. (Snow) Paine.

Children (7) ATWOOD

- i. Frederick A.
- ii. George F.

Reference: Simeon L. Deyo, History of Barnstable County, Massachusetts, (New York: H. W. Blake & Co., 1890), p. 946.

HANNAH COAN (Samuel⁴, Abraham³, Peter², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, September 14, 1801, the daughter of Samuel

and Elizabeth (Dyer) Coan. At Truro December 10, 1822, she married Barnabas Paine, who was born August 2, 1793, in Truro, son of Barnabas and Martha Paine. Barnabas was Truro town clerk for many years as were his father and grandfather before him. Samuel, Barnabas's son, held the position after his father died in 1850.

Children (5) PAINE

- i. Samuel Coan, b. Aug. 26, 1824
- ii. Hannah C., b. Apr. 30, 1826
- iii. Barnabas, Jr., b. Aug. 18, 1833
- iv. Paul Dyer Coan, b. Nov. 29, 1836

SAMUEL COAN PAINE⁵, the son of Barnabas and Hannah (Coan) Paine, was born in Truro, Massachusetts, August 26, 1824. He was town clerk, nine years a member of the school board, and one year school superintendent. He married Henrietta Paine, daughter of Daniel Paine.

Reference: Deyo, History of Barnstable County, p. 949.

PAUL DYER COAN (Samuel⁴, Abraham³, Peter², ¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, October 28, 1802, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dyer) Coan. He married at Truro December 24, 1825, Nabby Knowles, who was born in Truro March 22, 1807, the daughter of Zaccheus and Sally Knowles. He was a farmer and died in Truro, August 11, 1876.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Abraham, b. Aug. 7, 1826
- ii. Stephen Mills, b. Aug. 1, 1828
- iii. John, b. Mar. 5, 1831; d. Sept. 1832
- iv. John, 2nd, b. Feb. 1, 1836; lost at sea on the Banks 1858
- v. Melvina Frances, b. Aug. 31, 1839; d. Aug. 31, 1872
- vi. George M., b. 1843
- vii. Francis (also Frank) Elliot, b. Sept. 7, 1845
- viii. Henry Paine, b. Nov. 22, 1847

Reference: Rich, Truro--Cape Cod, p. 515

ABRAHAM COAN (Paul⁵, Samuel⁴, Abraham³, Peter², ¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, August 7, 1826, the son of Paul and Nabby (Knowles) Coan. He married Betsy R. Paine in Truro, January 17, 1850.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Sarah H., b. Sept. 21, 1852

GEORGE M.⁵ COAN (Paul⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, in 1843, the son of Paul and Nabby (Knowles) Coan. November 18, 1866, in Truro he married Mary E. Amber, who was born about 1859 in Kittery, Maine, the daughter of John H. and Emily E. Amber. George was a mariner.

Reference: Marriages, 1866 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 189, p. 23.

FRANCIS (FRANK) ELLIOT⁵ COAN (Paul⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, September 7, 1845, the son of Paul and Nabby (Knowles) Coan. April 12, 1868, he married Margaret E. Ryder, who was born in Truro about 1846, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Ryder. At the time of his marriage, Frank listed himself as a stair builder.

Reference: Marriages, 1868 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 208, p. 24.

JOHN⁴ COAN (Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, July 3, 1808, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dyer) Coan. He married Hannah Sellew at Truro November 24, 1832. Her parents were Asa and Hannah (Lombard) Sellew.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Flora Augusta, b. Sept. 8, 1835
- ii. John Sellew, b. May 4, 1838; d. Dec. 18, 1848
- iii. Amos Sellew, b. Sept. 21, 1844
- iv. Harriet A., b. Aug. 5, 1850

FLORA AUGUSTA⁵ COAN (John⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, September 8, 1835, daughter of John and Hannah (Sellew) Coan. November 27, 1855, she married Thomas Lewis, born in Truro in 1834, son of Nathaniel and Azubah (Snow) Lewis. He began going to sea when he was ten years old in 1844. He continued coasting and fishing until 1888.

Children (5) LEWIS

- i. John A.
- ii. Thomas J.
- iii. Sadie C.

Reference: Marriages, 1885 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 87, p. 14.

Deyo, History of Barnstable, p. 1003

AMOS SELLEW⁵ COAN (John⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in South Truro, Massachusetts, September 21, 1844, the son of John and Hannah (Sellew) Coan. May 13, 1869, in Malden he married Helen M. Duff, who was born in Boston, the daughter of William and Hannah C. Duff. At the time of his marriage Amos listed his occupation as that of merchant.

Reference: Marriages, 1869 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 218, p. 223.

HARRIET A.⁵ COAN (John⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, August 5, 1850, the daughter of John and Hannah (Sellew) Coan. December 7, 1869, in Truro she married Leonard S. Hamson [Hanson] who was born in Truro in 1846 the son of William and Nancy Hamson. At the time of his marriage Leonard was a clerk.

Reference: Marriages, 1869 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 217, p. 21.

CHRISTIAN³ COAN (Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, and baptized February 9, 1769, the daughter of Abraham and Christian (Hinckley) Coan. Her marriage to Isaiah Snow was published in Truro July 19, 1788. He was born November 13, 1767, the son of Jonathan and Deliverance Snow.

Children (4) SNOW

- i. Ruth, b. Feb. 18, 1789
- ii. Elizabeth Gross, bpt. July 17, 1791
- iii. Isaiah, bpt. Dec. 22, 1793
- iv. Sophia, b. Jan. 15, 1797
- v. Shubael, a twin, bpt. May 19, 1799
- vi. Daniel, a twin, bpt. May 19, 1799

Reference: John Harvey Treat, Truro Baptisms 1711-1800 (Lawrence, Mass.: James Ward, Jr., 1886), pp. 59, 61, 65.

For ELISHA DAVIS COAN AND DESCENDANTS see Chapter 5.

BENJAMIN³ COAN (Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, May 7, 1775, the son of Abraham and Christian (Hinckley) Coan. He married Lucy Newcomb September 22, 1796, in Truro. Lucy was born in Wellfleet, Massachusetts,

August 29, 1776, the daughter of James and Tabitha (Nicker-son) Newcomb. They resided in Wrentham, Massachusetts. Benjamin died October 7, 1849, and was buried in Shepardville Cemetery in Wrentham.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Sally, b. May 20, 1797, Truro, Mass.
- ii. James, bpt. Mar. 17, 1799, Truro; d. June 13, 1799, aged 5 months.
- iii. Peter
- iv. Shubael, b. 1802; d. Mar. 13, 1829; buried in Shepardville Cemetery, Wrentham
- v. Benjamin, b. 1803; drowned Nov. 27, 1814; buried in Shepardville Cemetery
- vi. Abraham
- vii. Lucy M., b. 1807
- viii. Thomas N., b. 1808; d. Feb. 20, 1816, aged 7 years, 10 months, 20 days
- ix. Harvey
- x. Caroline
- xi. Julia

Reference: Thomas Baldwin, Vital Records of Wrentham, Massachusetts to the Year 1850 (Boston: Stanhope Press, 1901), Vol. II, pp. 423, 424.

Bethuel Merritt Newcomb, Andrew Newcomb 1618-1686 and His Descendants (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse, Taylor Co., 1923), p. 103.

John Harvey Treat, Deaths in Truro, Cape Cod 1786-1826, taken from diary of Rev. Jude Damon (Salem Press Publishing and Printing Co., 1891), p. 4.

Treat, Truro Baptisms, p. 65.

PETER⁴ COAN (Benjamin³, Abraham², Peter¹) was the son of Benjamin and Lucy (Newcomb) Coan. He married Ruth (Galleucia) Gardner, widow of John Gardner, May 20, 1827, in Lynn, Massachusetts. Ruth died in Lynn August 28, 1845, aged 41 years. Peter married second Betsy Merrill of Charlestown, March 15, 1846.

Children (5) COAN all born in Lynn, Massachusetts

- i. John Gardner, b. Aug. 31, 1827
- ii. Lucy Maria, b. Aug. 20, 1829; m. Charles B. Shattuck Apr. 22, 1846; he was the son of Junia and Mary (Getchel) Shattuck; he died Oct. 12, 1846
- iii. Benjamin Franklin, b. Jan. 16, 1831; m. Charlotte F. Daggett, aged 17, daughter of Jeremiah and Susan F. Daggett, Oct. 14, 1849
- iv. Thomas, b. Dec. 16, 1832; d. Oct. 2, 1833 in Lynn

Reference: Vital Records of Wrentham, Vol. I, p. 109; Vol. II, p. 269.

Frank A. Gardner, "Thomas Gardner Planter and Some of His Descendants," Essex Institute Historical Collections, 1903, Vol. 39, p. 174.

Lemuel Shattuck, Memorials of the Descendants of William Shattuck (Boston, Mass.: Dutton and Wentworth, 1855), p. 209.

Vital Records of Lynn, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849 (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1906), Vol. I, p. 109; Vol. II, pp. 98, 341, 458.

JOHN GARDNER⁵ COAN (Peter⁴, Benjamin³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, August 31, 1827, the son of Peter and Ruth (Gardner) Coan. He was a fisherman and April 1, 1849, in Lynn he married Harriett Granger, aged 15, who was born in Peabody, the daughter of George and Mary (Shaw) Granger. Harriet, a widow, died January 23, 1900, in Swampscott and was buried there.

Children (6) COAN

i. Mary A., b. July 24, 1849 in Lynn, Mass.

Reference: Deaths 1900 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 504, p. 719.

Vital Records of Lynn, Vol. I, p. 109; Vol. II, p. 98.

ABRAHAM⁴ COAN (Benjamin³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, in 1810, the son of Benjamin and Lucy (Newcomb) Coan. He married Marie C. Richards of Attleboro, Massachusetts, October 9, 1837. They lived in Wrentham and North Attleboro where Abraham died October 14, 1899. His death certificate listed him as a basket maker.

Children (5) COAN all born in Wrentham, Mass.

i. Sara Marie, b. Jan. 20, 1838

ii. Ann Samantha, b. Sept. 14, 1841

iii. Ellen Elecia, b. Nov. 13, 1843

Reference: Deaths 1900 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 492, p. 355.

Vital Records of Attleboro, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849 (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1834), p. 375.

Vital Records of Wrentham, Vol. I, p. 46.

LUCY MARIA⁴ COAN (Benjamin³, Abraham², Peter¹) was the daughter of Benjamin and Lucy (Newcomb) Coan. January 12,

1840, in Wrentham, Massachusetts, she married Stephen Bonney. At age 28 she married second Michael D. Barron, widower, aged 39, the son of William and Sarah Barron, December 21, 1845.

Children (5) BONNEY

- i. Julia Coan, b. Nov. 3, 1841

Reference: Vital Records of Wrentham, Vol. I, p. 33; Vol. II, p. 269.

HARVEY⁴ COAN (Benjamin³, Abraham², Peter¹) was the son of Benjamin and Lucy (Newcomb) Coan. He married Adeline Blaisdell in Framingham, Massachusetts, September 29, 1839.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Harriet Emily, d. Apr. 10, 1840
- ii. George, b. Oct. 2, 1841; d. Oct. 16, 1841

Reference: Thomas Baldwin, Vital Records of Framingham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: Wright and Pottes Printing Company, 1911), p. 259.

Vital Records of Wrentham, Vol. I, p. 46; Vol. II, p. 423.

CAROLINE⁴ COAN (Benjamin³, Abraham², Peter¹) was the daughter of Benjamin and Lucy (Newcomb) Coan. She married Jason Sampson Thompson, a weaver, February 23, 1840.

Children (5) THOMPSON

- i. Hannah Maria, b. June 4, 1840
- ii. Julia Malvina, b. May 10, 1841
- iii. Susan Frances, b. July 2, 1842
- iv. Francis Edmund, b. Sept. 21, 1844
- v. John Cleveland, b. Mar. 14, 1846

Reference: Vital Records of Wrentham, Vol. I, p. 195; Vol. II, p. 269.

JULIA⁴ COAN (Benjamin³, Abraham², Peter¹) was the daughter of Benjamin and Lucy (Newcomb) Coan. She married William E. Barron May 25, 1843.

Children (5) BARRON

- I. Julia Ruth, b. Nov. 1, 1843

Reference: Vital Records of Wrentham, Vol. I, p. 17; Vol. II, p. 269.

HANNAH³ COAN (Abraham², Peter¹) was born April 26, 1782, in Truro, Massachusetts, the daughter of Abraham and Christian (Hinckley) Coan. On March 25, 1800, in Truro she married Israel Lombard, Jr., who was born in Truro, March 14, 1776, the son of Israel and Jemima (Atkins) Lombard. Hannah died December 30, 1806, and Israel married second Elizabeth Knowles May 17, 1808.

Children (4) LOMBARD

- i. Binney, b. Feb. 28, 1802
- ii. Israel III, b. June 6, 1804
- iii. Infant, d. Dec. 27, 1806

BINNEY LOMBARD⁴, the son of Israel, Jr., and Hannah (Coan) Lombard, was born February 28, 1802. He married Dorcas Hinckley, daughter of Benjamin Hinckley. Their marriage intentions were published March 11, 1824. Dorcas was admitted to the church at Truro at age 19, one of the youngest persons ever to be admitted. She died October 1, 1825, aged 19. Binney died in early manhood.

Children (5) LOMBARD

- i. Israel, b. Sept. 8, 1825, Truro, Mass.: lived in Newton

Reference: Rich, Truro--Cape Cod, pp. 303, 398.

ISRAEL LOMBARD III⁴, the son of Isaac, Jr., and Hannah (Coan) Lombard, was born June 6, 1804, in Truro, Massachusetts. He married Susan Stickney March 19, 1834. She was born May 16, 1815, the daughter of Josiah and Susan (Lee) Stickney. He with Mr. Charles O. Whitmore established the house of Lombard & Whitmore in Boston. In connection with their early business they carried on a branch of fishing and outfitting at Commercial Point, Truro, Massachusetts, and built a number of first-class fishing vessels--among them, the Dorchester, Neponset, and Squantum. Some of the best fishermen in Truro were in their employ.

Later he was a member of the firm Lombard, Whitney & Company. He served as director of the Massachusetts Bank, Boston Insurance Company, and Boston and Worcester Railroad. May 6, 1862, he died in Newton, Massachusetts, and was buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

Children (5) LOMBARD

- i. Dwight Boyden, b. Apr. 2, 1835, Boston, Mass.; d. Foo Chow, China, May 8, 1863; buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.
- ii. Binney, b. Mar. 28, 1837, Boston; d. May 13, 1840
- iii. Susan Stickney, b. Mar. 30, 1840, Boston
- iv. Josiah Stickney, b. Mar. 24, 1842, Boston

Reference: Rich, Truro--Cape Cod, p. 398.
Matthew Adams Stickney, Stickney Family (Salem, Mass.; Essex Institute Press, 1869), p. 476.

CASTINE, Tuesday, February 4.

IMPORTANT:

By the *Western Mail* of last evening.

A vessel has arrived at Boston in 35 days' passage from Liverpool, bringing later accounts than any before received. The most material of which are, That another Revolution has taken place in France, brought about by Buonaparte; that the Constitution of the 3d year is abolished; that 150 members of the Two Councils have been expelled; that Barras and Mouton have been arrested; that the Americans had obtained some advantages over the French in Italy; and that the Russians army under Spontown, had received orders to withdraw from the coalition, and were on their march homewards.

The following Speech was delivered by Buonaparte in the Council of Elders.

"Citizens Representatives,

"The Republic was perishing—you know this and your decree has saved it. Misery to those who would trouble and disturb it. Alas! by General Balthazar, Legation, and all my companions in arms, I shall arrest them. Look not in the past, examples which may retard your progress. Nothing in history resembles the close of the 18th century. Nothing in the termination of that century resembles the present moment. Your wisdom has passed this decree—our arms shall execute it. We will a Republic founded on true Liberty—on civil Liberty, and National Representation. We will have it—I SWEAR IT.—I SWEAR IT IN MY NAME, and that of my companions in arms!"

Liberty appeared proceeded from the galleries. The French manifested them so

the first standing his beloved son's funeral honors, were buried to his bed (satisfied, and expired) out a groan. At New York, Mr. Buss, Printer. At New Ark, Mr. non Panniceros, Editor of the Signal of Freedom.

At Penobscot, universally regretted, Mary Pownall, aged 29, confided the Rev. Jonathan Powers, of that place.

Port of Penobscot

CLEARED, 
Brig Jacob, Coas, Liverpool.
Sloop Friendship, Victoria, Havana.

THE Coroners of the County of Hancock are hereby notified, That all such Writs and Precepts as are by Law to be executed and returned by them by reason of the vacancy of the Office of Coroner, will be hereafter executed and returned by the subscriber on behalf of the Depoties, he having been duly appointed and legally qualified to execute the Office of Sheriff for the said County of Hancock.

THOMAS PHILLIPS,
Castine, Jan. 28, 1800.

Post Rider Wanted

GOOD encouragement will be given to any person who will ride or travel as Post from Castine to Bangor, (on the Penobscot River, &c.) in any way. To take the papers from this Office on the day of publication, and distribute them to the subscribers on both sides the river. Any person wishing to undertake the above mentioned route, will please apply

RESOLVED the Congress of the United States this day resolved, That it be recorded in the People of the United States to assemble in the usual manner February next, in such number and at such place as may be determined, and which is to be the seat for the death of General Washington, by suitable eulogies, and public prayer, and that the President be authorized to issue a Proclamation for the purpose carrying the foregoing resolution into effect. **NOW THEREFORE**, John Adams, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the same under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Philadelphia, this fourth day of February, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred, and the Independence of the said States the twenty fourth.

JOHN ADAMS,
TIMOTHY PICKERING,
Secretary of State.

These Obituaries of yesterday last were the circumstances of the body of Jonathan Gilmore Sands being found in a well belonging to the Manchester Company, a mile from the residence of Mr. Taylor, in Greenwich Street; and as the public mind appears to be greatly interested with respect to the melancholy accident, and anxious to ascertain the cause, which led to her premature death, we have endeavored to investigate the matter as far as possible, and now lay it before our readers.

The father of the young Lady, Mr. Sands, was an eminent preacher of the Society of Friends, and died some time ago in England. Her mother, an aged & respectable matron, of pleasant residence in the vicinity of New Windsor, in this State, and in her latter days, though anxious had been sent to her with respect to her daughter's fate, it was not expected she could be able to attend the funeral of her daughter, as she was about, as years—had

Front page of Castine Journal, Castine, Maine, February 4, 1800, listing Captain Elisha Coan's Brig Jacob. Courtesy Maine Historical Society Library, Portland.

CHAPTER 5

MAINE COANS AND THEIR EASTERN DESCENDANTS

CAPTAIN ELISHA DAVIS COAN

Principal Sources used in this chapter:

Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family, a manuscript owned by the compiler.

Family Records of Fred Welby and Pearl Ianna (Knowles) Coan, owned by the compiler.

Myrtie Fisher Seavers, Descendants of Captain Elisha Coan and His Wife Mary Atkins Coan of Truro, Massachusetts; Castine, Maine; and Exeter, Maine plus notes on Abbott, Hopkins, Hinckley, a bound manuscript in the New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston, Massachusetts.

Other References given in text and after biographies where they have been used.

ELISHA DAVIS³ COAN (Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Truro, Massachusetts, April 18, 1771, the son of Abraham and Christian (Hinckley) Coan. On July 8, 1794, in Truro he married Mary Atkins, who was born in Truro June 30, 1776, the daughter of Nathaniel Atkins and his wife Mary (Vickers ?) Atkins. Elisha and Mary moved from Massachusetts to Maine and on June 28, 1797, bought twenty acres of land in Penobscot, Hancock County, from Pelatiah Freeman for \$310. The following is from The Coan Family by Alonzo Coan, pp. 1, 2:

Elisha owned a farm at the head of Castine Bay, but for the greater part of the time for many years followed the profession of seaman, and commanded several ships in coast and foreign trade. During the Napoleonic Wars, while transporting supplies from the West Indies to Great Britain, his vessel, the Phoebe, was captured by the French for alleged violation of the Embargo Proclamation of Napoleon I and taken to Havre, France, where ship and cargo were confiscated and the Captain and crew imprisoned for many months. For this and other outrages to our commerce, France later paid to the U. S. a large indemnity, which was intended to reimburse those who suffered from these acts; but for some reason Captain Coan was never reimbursed.

To validate the foregoing facts about Captain Elisha, the compiler of this book wrote to the National Archives in Washington, D. C.; the French National Archives; the Archives de la Premiere Region Maritime; the Archives de la Seine-Maritime; the Wilson Museum, Castine, Maine; the Maine Maritime Museum, Bath; the Penobscot Marine Museum, Searsport; and checked all available copies of the Castine Journal and the Castine Eagle, newspapers of the early 1800s, at the Maine Historical Society Library--no mention of the Phoebe nor of Elisha's being imprisoned in France. However, this compiler believes this incident did take place, since in four lines of descent from Elisha the story was well-known.

Alonzo, author of The Coan Family, was Elisha's grandson through Elisha's son Abraham. Alonzo probably heard the story from Elisha himself since Alonzo grew up in Exeter, Maine, where Captain Elisha was living at that time and was almost nine years old when his grandfather died.

Marion Coan, Elisha's great granddaughter through his son Samuel, wrote the following to the compiler in June, 1936:

I find that I must have been mistaken about Capt. Elisha's being in France when Charlotte Corday was executed--that was in 1793--so it must have been someone else. But the story must have been fact with some allowance for inaccuracy in handing it down. Father remembered that his grandfather was in prison when some political prisoner was beheaded and thought it was Charlotte Corday.

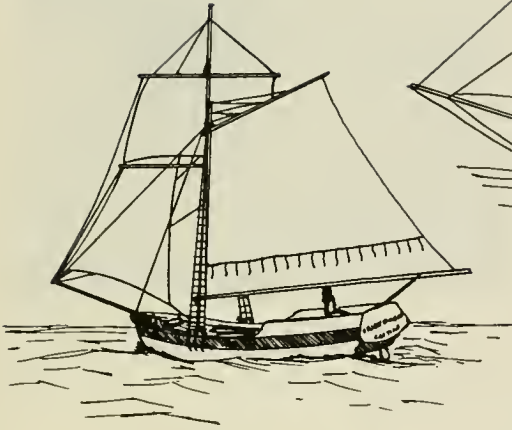
Marion's father was Dr. Elisha Skinner Coan, who lived in Exeter during his boyhood and was eight years old when Elisha died. He, too, knew his grandfather personally.

The following is a statement made by Myrtie Fisher Seaverns, a great granddaughter of Elisha's through his daughter Hannah:

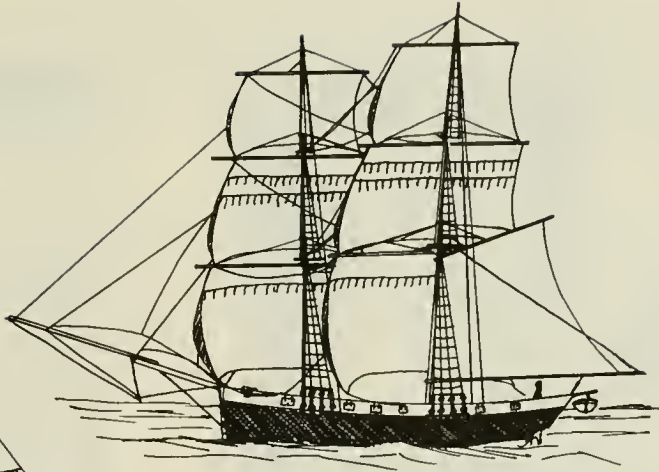
When I was a small child, I remember hearing my mother speak of the "French Spoliation Claim," and at the time my uncle, Charles Hooper of Castine, Maine, was trying to set the machinery in motion to realize on the claim; but nothing ever came of it.

And finally Grace (Hall) Shepherd, wife of Owen Shepherd, great, great grandson of Elisha through his daughter Hannah, wrote of Elisha:

Being brought up in a town where almost the entire population depended upon the sea for their existence, Elisha naturally took to a seaman's life and at a very young age he became master and owner of his own ship... During the year 1793 his vessel, the Phoebe, was cap-

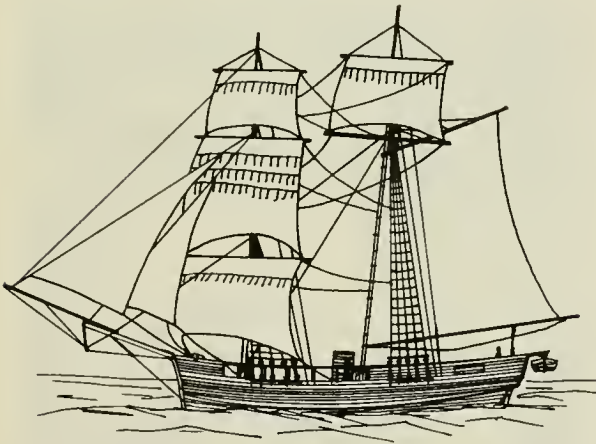


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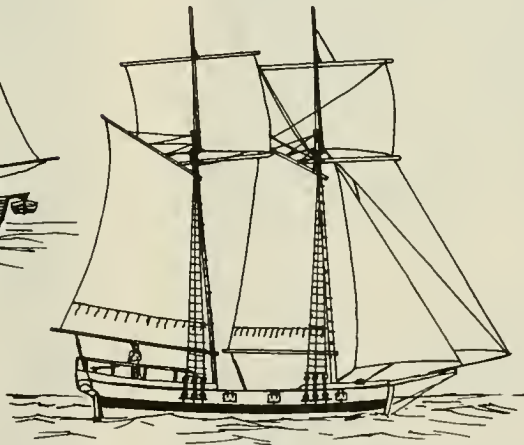


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**FOUR VESSELS
CAPTAIN ELISHA COAN
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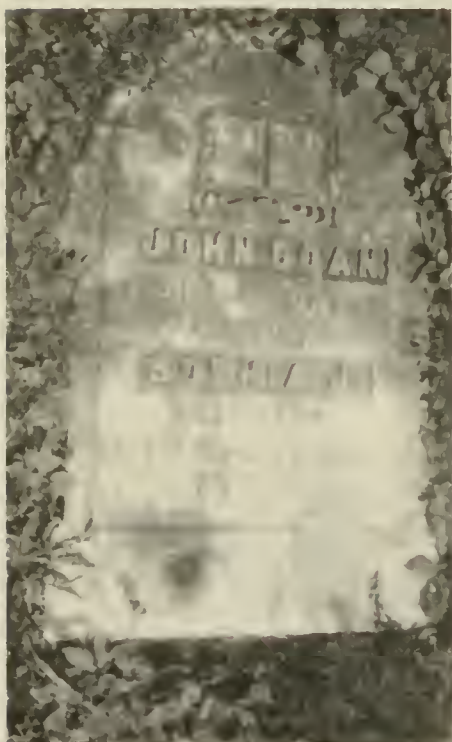
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PORT OF CASTINE, 1798-1801



Gravestone of Captain Elisha Coan, Townhouse Cemetery, Exeter, Maine. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.



Gravestone of John Coan, son of Elisha, cemetery, Dexter, Maine. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.

Gravestone of William H. Coan, son of John, Wolf Neck Cemetery, Freeport, Maine. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.

tured by the French and he was taken to Le Havre and to Paris. While there, he saw Charlotte Corday guillotined. His claim which he filed at Washington was probably never settled. (Collection of Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman, Cooinbil Farm, Via Yass, Postcode N.S.W. 2582, Australia).

The compiler wrote the National Archives to see if a claim was ever filed by Elisha or by his grandson Charles. There was no record of such a claim. However, it seems positive that Elisha was on an American vessel that was seized by the French, and he was imprisoned in France, probably in Le Havre and in Paris and probably in 1793. Although documented proof has still to be found, the incident most certainly did occur.

The following list of vessels of which Captain Elisha Coan was master 1795-1803 came from the National Archives. It was taken from the Customs record for the port of Penobscot (later Castine), Maine.

Sloop Friendship

Built - 1784, North Yarmouth, 83 tons

Master - Elisha Coan

Owners - Daniel Johnston and David Howe, Castine

Certificate No. 40, 30 October 1798

Brig Jacob

Built - 1799, Duxbury, 166 tons

Master - Elisha Coan

Owner - Daniel Johnston, Castine

Certificate No. 61, 24 January 1800

Brigantine Conclusion

Built - 1798, Marshfield, 149 tons

Master - Elisha Coan

Owner - Daniel Johnston, Castine

Certificate No. 86, 10 July 1801

Schooner Nancy

Built - 1801, Camden, 90 tons

Master - Elisha Coan

Owner - Peletiah Leach, Penobscot

Certificate No. 133, 29 August 1802

The Castine Journal of Wednesday, March 13, 1799, under the heading, "Castine," carried the following notice:

On Wednesday laft arrived at this port the fch. Friendship, Capt. Coan, in 36 days from Antiqua. Spoke no veffels."

The Castine Journal of Friday, June 6, 1800 stated:

Brig. Jacob, Capt. Coan of this port has fafely arrived at Liverpool after a paffage of about 50 days.

The following is from Alonzo Coan's genealogy:

Elisha was Unitarian in belief and was an attendant and supporter of one of the oldest societies of this denomination in New England. The building in which he worshipped in Castine is still standing and is still in use by Unitarians as a place of meeting. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been made a Mason in London, England. In later life he left the sea and settled on a farm in the township of Exeter, Maine. ...He was brave and honest, a genial soul, loved by all who knew him.

In 1818 Elisha sold the Penobscot property to his neighbor, Thatcher Avery, and moved to Exeter, Maine, where he lived for the rest of his life. Alonzo wrote that the farm Elisha purchased there was within sight of the burial ground where he was finally laid to rest. His wife Mary died October 18, 1836, aged 60. Elisha died March 4, 1851, aged 80. They were buried in the Townhouse Cemetery in the center of Exeter. It was known to Alonzo as the "Center" burying ground.

Children (4) COAN

- i. Elisha, b. Mar. 31, 1795, Truro, Mass.
- ii. John, b. Aug. 6, 1797
- iii. Mary, b. Aug. 15, 1799
- iv. Shubael, b. Mar. 2, 1802
- v. Abraham, b. May 11, 1805
- vi. Nathaniel, b. 1806
- vii. Hannah, b. Feb. 19, 1810
- viii. Emerline, b. 1812
- ix. Samuel, b. Dec. 7, 1813

JOHN⁴ COAN (Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Elisha Davis and Mary (Atkins) Coan, was born in Penobscot, Maine, August 6, 1797. He married Sophia Haines of Dexter, Maine, who was born March 18, 1806, daughter of Walter and Betsey Haines. Their marriage intentions were published July 28, 1828, in Exeter, Maine. They lived most of their married life in Dexter. In 1848 Sophia was teaching school in Dexter. John died August 20, 1856, aged 59; Sophia, April 20, 1877, aged 71. They were both buried in Dexter. In 1981 their gravestone was broken and lying on the ground inscription side up. It was still entirely legible.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 29, 1829
- ii. William H., b. 1838

Reference: Gravestone, Cemetery, Dexter, Maine
 Stanley Plummer, History of Dexter, Maine 1801-1901 (reprinted by Dexter Historical Society, 1976) p. 20.

Town Records of Dexter, Maine

WILLIAM H.⁵ COAN (John⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of John and Sophia (Haines) Coan, was born in 1838. He belonged to the Dexter, Maine, "Cosey Club" which was organized in 1854 for mental improvement, especially in elocution and debate. The club continued to hold meetings in the "Pin Hole" over what was in 1976 the shop of J. F. Kirby. The society dissolved in 1859, when it sold its property at auction and divided its library among members. The library was of considerable size; it was made up of an old circulating library turned over to the club by citizens who owned it, and additions from time to time by purchase.

In 1861 William enlisted in the 6th Infantry of Maine in the Civil War and was promoted to first sergeant, second lieutenant, and adjutant. He re-enlisted in the 6th Infantry between October 17, 1863, and June, 1864. In 1864 he was transferred to the 1st Regiment of Veteran Volunteers of which he was adjutant. He was mustered out October 29, 1864, and re-enlisted. During the War he served in the army of the Potomac for three years and participated in all of its principal battles.

After the War he located in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He married Ellen A. _____, but had no children. He died 1893; Ellen died in 1921. Both were buried in Wolf Neck Cemetery, Freeport, Maine.

Reference: Gravestones, Wolf Neck Cemetery, Freeport, Maine
 Plummer, History of Dexter, Maine, pp. 43, 51,

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MARY⁴ COAN (Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Elisha Davis and Mary (Atkins) Coan, was born in Penobscot, Maine, August 15, 1799. In Exeter, Maine, on April 13, 1826, she married John Wells Prescott, who was born December 9, 1799, the son of Nathan and Anna (Wells) Prescott. Isaac Jacobs, Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony. They lived on a farm in Exeter where he died October 5, 1856, in his 57th year. Mary died September 23, 1882, aged 83. They were buried in the Townhouse Cemetery (Center Burial Ground) in Exeter.

Children (5) PRESCOTT

- i. Emeline Coan, b. Jan. 4, 1827
- ii. Shubael Coan, b. Oct. 19, 1829
- iii. Adeliza Hill, b. Jan. 1, 1831
- iv. Hannah Ann, b. July 18, 1833
- v. James Newell, b. Mar. 1, 1835; d. May 10, 1911
- vi. Christiana, b. Sept. 27, 1837
- vii. Mary Sophia, b. July 28, 1839

Reference: William Prescott, The Prescott Memorial (Boston: Henry W. Dutton & Son, 1870), pp. 341, 469, 470.

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EMELINE COAN PRESCOTT, daughter of John Wells and Mary (Coan) Prescott, was born in Exeter, Maine, January 4, 1827. She married Royal Caverly, a farmer in Exeter in 1852. They resided there, and had no children.

Reference: Prescott, The Prescott Memorial, p. 469.

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SHUBAEL COAN PRESCOTT, son of John Wells and Mary (Coan) Prescott, was born in Exeter, Maine, October 19, 1829. He married Joanna Henningham in 1850. They lived in Brooklyn, New York, and had four children. He was a mechanic.

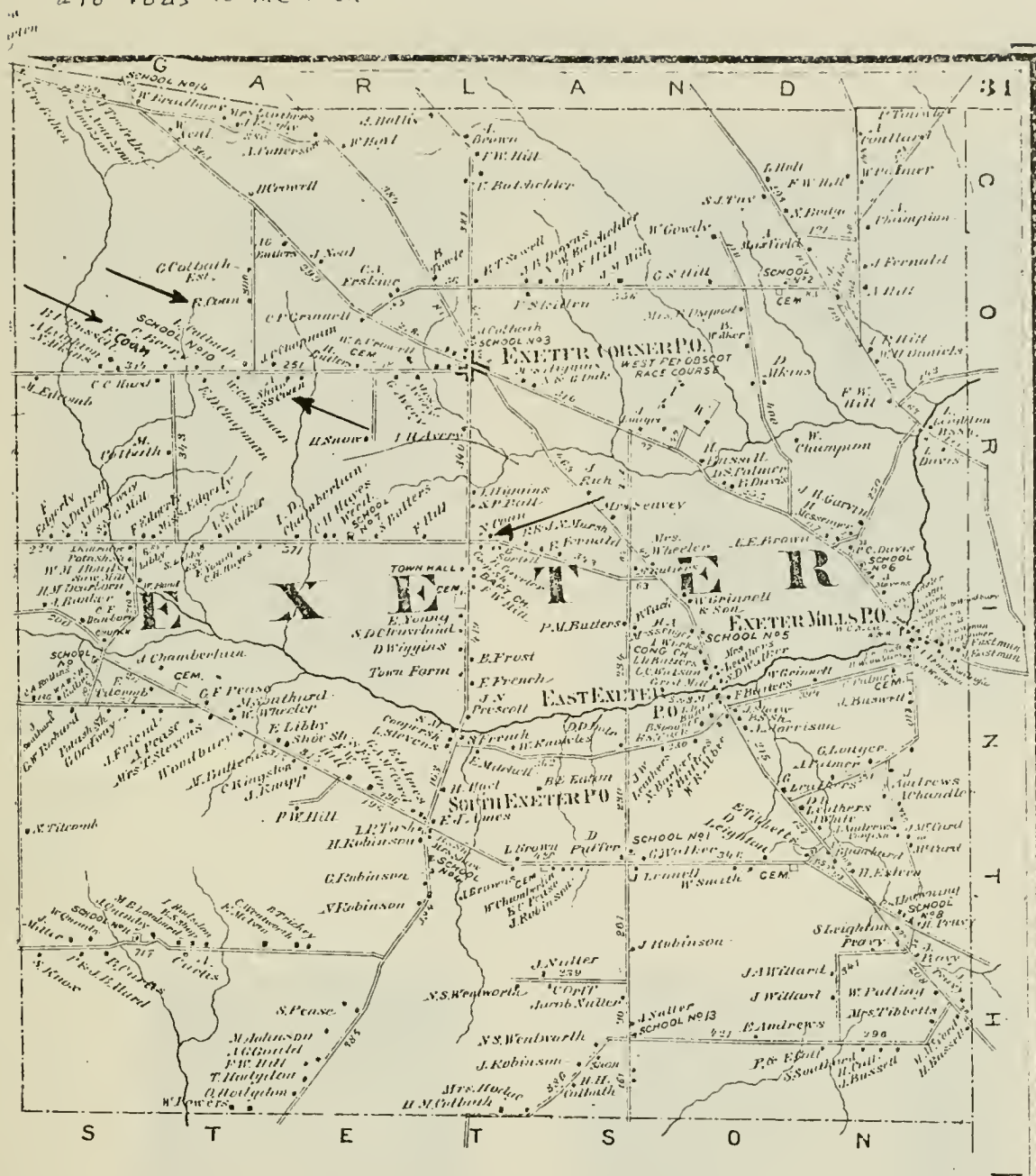
Reference: Prescott, The Prescott Memorial, p. 469.

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ADELIZA HILL PRESCOTT, daughter of John Wells and Mary (Coan) Prescott, was born January 1, 1831, in Exeter, Maine. She married October 5, 1863, Byley Lyford, who was born in 1843. On August 15, 1862, he enlisted for three years in Co. K, William S. King, Captain, 35th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, Edward A. Wild, Colonel. He was engaged in the battles of South Mountain September 14, and Antietam September 17, 1862. Having received two wounds in his left arm during the latter battle, he was, by reason of disability, discharged from the service December 5, 1862. He and Adeliza lived at Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Adeliza died December 23, 1875, and was buried in the lot of her father, John W. Prescott, Townhouse Cemetery, Exeter, Maine.

Reference: Prescott, The Prescott Memorial, p. 469.

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HANNAH ANN PRESCOTT, daughter of John Wells and Mary (Coan) Prescott, was born in Exeter, Maine, July 18, 1833. She married in Chelsea, Massachusetts, Charles H. Tuesley, who was born in 1843. On April 15, 1863, he enlisted as a musician in Co. D, Captain Crossman, 1st Regiment Maine Heavy Artillery, under Colonel Chaplin. He participated in the following battles: Spottsylvania May 12-21, 1864; North Anna May

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Homes of Coans, Exeter, Maine, 1875. Courtesy Atlas of Penobscot County, Maine, 1875.



*Sarah Abbott Coan, wife of
Abraham*



Abraham Coan, son of Shubael



*Gravestone of Shubael Coan,
son of Elisha. Courtesy Robert
W. Fulton.*



*Gravestone of Sanford
Coan, son of Shubael.
Courtesy Robert W.
Fulton.*

22-26; Tolopobune; Cold Harbor June 1 and June 12; Jerusalem Plank Road June 26; Petersburg June 16, 18, 22; Deep Bottom August 16; Poplar Spring Church September 30; Hatcher's Farm October 7; Hatcher's Creek October 27; in 1865 Aurelia Springs April 6; and the capture of Petersburg and Richmond that same month. He was mustered out of service and honorably discharged September 11, 1865. Hannah and he moved to Pine Bend, Minnesota, where he was a merchant.

Reference: Prescott, The Prescott Memorial, p. 469.

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CHRISTIANA PRESCOTT⁵, daughter of John Wells and Mary (Coan) Prescott, was born September 27, 1837, in Exeter, Maine. She married September 29, 1859, Albert Grinnell of Exeter, who was born January 7, 1817. They lived in Garland, Maine, where he was a merchant. They had three children, one son and two daughters.

Reference: Prescott, The Prescott Memorial, p. 469.

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MARY SOPHIA PRESCOTT⁵, daughter of John Wells and Mary (Coan) Prescott, was born July 28, 1839, in Exeter, Maine. She married Sidney W. Fletcher of Biddeford, Maine, who was born in 1840. During the Civil War he enlisted for three years October 4, 1861, in Co. A, John Quincy Adams, Captain, 10th Reg. Maine Volunteers, under Colonel George L. Beal. By the first of December the Regiment was placed in the Railway Brigade, commanded by Colonel Dixon S. Miles. They were to guard various stations and positions of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Part of the time they acted as provost guard arresting disloyal citizens, furloughed soldiers of the enemy, and deserters from the Union Army. In May, 1862, they were moved to Winchester, Virginia, where General Banks had been defeated, and were assigned rear guard duty on the retreat to Williamsport, Maryland, 35 miles. On May 31 the Regiment started the long march through Virginia to Front Royal, arriving on June 11. Here they were engaged in outpost and reconnaissance duty; made marches and counter marches until August when the Regiment participated in the battle of Slaughter Mountain. In this battle two officers and nineteen soldiers were killed; one officer and eight soldiers were mortally wounded; and four officers, among them Captain J. Q. Adams, and 136 soldiers were wounded. Out of 460 men who went into battle there were 170 casualties. On August 17 the Regiment took part in the battle of Antietam.

Reference: Prescott, The Prescott Memorial, pp. 469, 470.

SHUBAEL⁴ COAN (Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Penobscot (Castine), Maine, March 2, 1802, the son of Elisha Davis and Mary (Atkins) Coan. By 1820 Shubael had probably left the Castine area with his father, who had given up life on the sea and had moved to Exeter where he was working to build a house for his family. On September 15, 1823, Shubael married Susan Abbott, daughter of Robert and Sally (Gilman) Abbott, new settlers in Exeter. The ceremony was performed by Winthrop Chapman, Justice of the Peace.

In 1822 Robert Abbott sold his farm in Mount Vernon, Maine, where he had lived since he and Sally were married in Hallowell January 26, 1795. Mount Vernon's proprietary lots were fast disappearing, and the "town had no more land to be taken up. Newcomers must either inherit or buy improved land from those who moved on. Farmers were dividing their farms among their children" (William R. Wright, A Sociological and Economic History of Mount Vernon, Maine. It no doubt seemed feasible to Abbott, who had a large family to move where there was greater opportunity. Exeter seemed one very logical place to find unlimited opportunity since the first settler, Lemuel Tozier, hadn't arrived until 1801; and Exeter was not incorporated as the 180th town in Maine until March 16, 1811. Land was plentiful there.

Abbott came from Mount Vernon to Exeter on horseback "there being no roads fit for vehicles" (Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family, p. 5). He was born in Berwick, Maine, and for a time worked in ship building in the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, area.

Susan (Abbott) Coan died in Exeter November 1876; Shubael, January 11, 1887. They were buried there in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Elisha, b. Jan. 18, 1824; d. Aug. 2, 1826, Exeter
- ii. Abraham, b. June 11, 1826
- iii. Robert Abbott, b. Apr. 27, 1827
- iv. Asa Cortland, b. Nov. 9, 1828; d. Oct. 15, 1856, Exeter
- v. Eleanor Susan, b. Feb. 24, 1831
- vi. Shubael Sanford, b. May 28, 1832; d. Oct. 5, 1834, Exeter
- vii. Abbott, b. Mar. 29, 1834
- viii. Shubael Sanford, b. Nov. 18, 1836
- ix. Sarah Sophia, b. Dec. 28, 1841
- x. Joseph, d. Nov. 18, 1843

ABRAHAM⁵ COAN (Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, June 11, 1826, the son of Shubael and Sally (Gilman) Coan. When he was in his early twenties, he went to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he worked as a team-



Robert Coan's farm, Exeter, Maine. Photo taken with farm in disrepair about 1928, 25 years after it left Coan ownership.



Robert Abbott Coan, son of Shubael. A daguerreotype photo by Kim D. Knight.



Mary Elizabeth Bartlett Coan, age 86.



Frank Asa Coan



Eliza Kennelly Coan



Mabel Elizabeth Coan



Robert Abbott Coan

ster. In Lowell, Massachusetts, September 25, 1849, he married Sarah Abbott, his cousin, the daughter of Joseph (Josiah) Abbott, his mother's brother. Abraham and Sarah went to Pennsylvania, where, according to the Federal Census of Pennsylvania, 1870, Sarah and her son Edward were living in Coolbaugh Township. Abraham was not listed. According to Federal Census of Pennsylvania, 1880, Abraham and Sarah were living in Tobyhanna Township and Abraham was a "foreman of lumberwood." A grandson, E. Archford Coan, aged 4, lived with them. Abraham died in Scranton in May, 1907.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Edward, b. ca. 1850; m. _____, one son, E. Archford, b. ca. 1876

Reference: Federal Census, 1870, Pennsylvania, Monroe County, Coolbaugh Township.

Monroe Democrat (Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania), May 2, 1907.

Vital Records of Lowell, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849 (Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1930), Vol. 2, p. 104.

ROBERT ABBOTT⁵ COAN (Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Shubael and Susan (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, April 22, 1827. On January 12, 1852, he married Mary Elizabeth Bartlett, who was born July 6, 1827, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Kenniston) Bartlett of Kittery, Maine.

Robert and Mary met at a mill in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where they both worked. They lived for awhile near Robert's brother Abraham in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, where their son Frank was born. Shortly thereafter, they returned to Maine and bought a farm in Exeter, Robert's home town.

In order to supplement his income as a farmer, winters Robert went into the Maine woods to cut lumber. In the spring he rode the river on the logs on the drive to Bangor. When he arrived home, according to his son Fred, "he had quite a roll of money." Besides farming in the other seasons of the year, he joined his neighbors who took teams up north and hauled logs. His wife Mary was the mid-wife of the area and assisted at the birth of most of the children.

Mary's grandfather, Hugh Kenniston (Keniston, Kennison) and her great grandfather, Nathaniel Staples, fought in the American Revolution. She was a direct-line descendant of Adam Barttelot, who went to England from Normandy with William the Conqueror and fought in the Battle of Hastings. He was granted land at Sopham, Sussex. She was also an eighth generation descendant of Joseph Bolles through whom she could trace her lineage to a number of English kings, among

them--William the Conqueror, 1066-1087; Athelred II, 979-1016; and Alfred the Great, 871-901.

Robert died April 1, 1893, in Exeter and was buried in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road. Mary outlived her husband by more than 20 years and was buried there also. She died at the home of her son Fred in Manchester, New Hampshire, July 2, 1914, aged 87 years.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Lillian, b. Apr. 30, 1853; d. May 12, 1853, aged 13 days
- ii. Frank Asa, b. Mar. 16, 1857
- iii. Shubael Prescott, b. Mar. 24, 1860
- iv. Fred Welby, b. May 4, 1862
- v. Anna Belle, b. Feb. 27, 1865

Reference: Everett S. Stackpole, Old Kittery and Her Families (Lewiston, Maine: Press of Lewiston Journal Company, 1903), p. 289.

FRANK ASA⁶ COAN (Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1857, the son of Robert Abbott and Mary Elizabeth (Bartlett) Coan. His parents moved back to Exeter, Maine, when he was a small child; and he lived there until he was a young man. He then moved to North Andover, Massachusetts, and to Everett where he lived for the rest of his life. On October 10, 1879, he married Eliza Kennelly, who was born in North Andover, July 20, 1857, the daughter of William and Hannah (MacDonald) Kennelly, both born in Ireland.

He was for 16 years in military service and was Captain of Company L, 8th Regiment of Lawrence. For 35 years he was connected with the United States Customs Service. He was a member of the Cochickwick Lodge of Masons and the Wauwinet Lodge of Odd Fellows of Lawrence, also of the Men's Class of the First Congregational Church of Everett. He received a veteran's jewel marking 50 years of membership in his Odd Fellows Lodge. His obituary in a local paper stated:

Mr. Coan was a splendid type of citizen. He had all the sterling characteristics of his ancestors, his people having fought in the Revolutionary and Colonial Wars, and was held in the highest regard by those whose privilege it was to know him.

Eliza died in Everett May 2, 1931, aged 73 years, 9 months, 12 days. Frank died in Gloucester June 25, 1931.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Mabel Elizabeth, b. 1880 or 1881

*TWO PORTRAITS HUNG IN THE HOME OF ALTON AND MABEL
COAN ATWOOD*



Mabel Elizabeth Coan Atwood



Alton Barrows Atwood



Charles Nelson Atwood



Home of Alton and Mabel Coan Atwood, 86 Harvard Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts.



A four-generation picture taken in the home of Fred Welby Coan, Manchester, New Hampshire, ca. 1913. (back) Frank Asa Coan and his daughter Mabel Coan Atwood. (front) Charles Nelson Atwood, Mabel's son, and Mary Elizabeth Bartlett Coan, Frank's mother.

- ii. Emma Arvilla, b. 1882; d. Dec. 9, 1886
- iii. Robert Abbott, b. Sept. 8, 1890

Reference: Deaths, 1931 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 35, p. 243; Vol. 41, p. 26.

MABEL ELIZABETH⁷ COAN (Frank A.⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in North Andover, Massachusetts, the daughter of Frank Asa and Eliza (Kennelly) Coan. On April 17, 1907, she married Alton Barrows Atwood, son of Charles N. and Amanda (Barrows) Atwood. He was the owner of the Atwood & McManus Box Company of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

During World War I Mabel was especially active in raising money for liberty loans. She had to her credit the raising of three quarters of a million dollars, and her great efforts were recognized by the government which gave her as a memento a German helmet. She was also very much interested in woman suffrage. At the time women were accorded the privilege of voting, she was instrumental in interesting all with whom she came in contact in exercising their rights at the ballot box and in taking a greater interest in the affairs of government, national and local.

She had made frequent trips with her husband to all parts of the world having visited Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Iceland, Europe, the Canadian Rockies, Hawaii, and all other parts of the United States. She was a member of the Owls, a social and sewing club of long standing, embracing Chelsea and Everett membership; Old South Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; the Chelsea Woman's Club in which she served on numerous committees; the Friday Club of Everett; the Old Ladies' Home Corporation; and the Winnisimmet Union of the First Congregational Church.

Mabel died of cancer in Chelsea March 7, 1942. Alton died just 27 years later to the day of Mabel's death, March 7, 1969. He was 100 years old. They were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Children (8) ATWOOD

- i. Charles Nelson, b. May 1, 1915

Reference: Deaths, 1969 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 42, p. 446.

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CHARLES NELSON ATWOOD⁸, son of Alton Barrows and Mabel Elizabeth (Coan) Atwood, was born May 1, 1915. He owned the Atwood & McManus Box Company which had belonged to his father. On June 9, 1932, he married Helen K. Carney. They had no children. Charles died February 1, 1981, in Brighton, Massachusetts.

ROBERT ABBOTT⁷ COAN (Frank A.⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in North Andover, Massachusetts, on September 8, 1890, the son of Frank Asa and Eliza (Kennelly) Coan, and was known as Bert. He was educated in the Everett, Massachusetts, public schools. During World War I he served in the United States Navy. April 17, 1918, he married Mary Elizabeth Swan who died in 1919. Bert married second Carrie L. Keefe July 15, 1922, in Forest Hills, Massachusetts. She was born December 31, 1886, the daughter of John and Nina Keefe. Carrie was a bookkeeper for her father's firm, the New England Tire Company in Boston.

Bert worked for awhile in a bank and then joined the firm of the Atwood & McManus Box Company in Chelsea where he worked until he retired. He had a very fine singing voice and was active in musical circles in the area. He sang in the choir of the Melrose Congregational Church where he and Carrie were members. He was a chanter in Aleppo Temple of Boston of the Shriners and was also a Jester in the Shrine. Besides his Masonic activities, he gave himself unstintingly to community affairs, among them the Lions Club and the Melrose YMCA.

Carrie was an avid bridge player, a member of the Melrose Garden Club, and the Friday Club in Everett. She was a faithful church worker and a member of the Circle of her church. She and Bert resided in Melrose and had a summer home at Thurston's Point in Gloucester. Carrie died October 15, 1976, in Melrose; Bert, April 8, 1977, in Wheaton, Illinois. They were both buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Children (8) COAN

by Mary

- i. Male, stillborn, Dec. 4, 1918, Everett, Mass.; buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett

by Carrie

- ii. Priscilla Bartlett, b. June 29, 1923

Reference: Mrs. James H. Barnes, Jr., 73 Sun Island Drive, South Admiral 1203, South Pasadena, FL 33707

Deaths, 1918 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 27, p. 427.

PRISCILLA BARTLETT⁸ COAN (Robert A.⁷, Frank A.⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Everett, Massachusetts, June 29, 1923, the daughter of Robert Abbott and Carrie (Keefe) Coan. She was educated in the public schools of Everett and Melrose and received an associate degree in art in 1943 from Colby Junior College, now Colby-Sawyer, in New London, New Hampshire. November 28, 1942, in



Robert Abbott Coan and Carrie Keefe Coan on their golden wedding anniversary July 15, 1972.



Priscilla Bartlett Coan



*James Hume Barnes, Jr.,
and Priscilla Bartlett Coan
Barnes.*



*Family of Priscilla Bartlett Coan Barnes; Priscilla, James Hume Barnes, Jr.,
James Hume Barnes III; in front beside the dog, Peter Bartlett Barnes, Paul
Abbott Barnes, Priscilla Bartlett (Candy) Barnes.*

Greenville, New Hampshire, she married James Hume Barnes, Jr. He was born April 28, 1922, in Germantown, Pennsylvania, the son of James Hume and Anna (Evans) Barnes. In 1944 he was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering. After his graduation he worked for the Manhattan Project on the A Bomb, and they lived in Flushing, New York, and in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

After World War II Jim went to work for Ford Motor Company in the field of purchasing. He was employed by this company for seventeen years in various positions; and they lived in Grosse Pointe, Michigan; Detroit, Seattle; and Wheaton, Illinois. He left Ford Motor Company, and they moved to Eastman, Georgia, where he bought a Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth, as well as Ford Tractor, dealership. It was called Jimmy Barnes Motor Company. Two years later he sold it and went into a small business partnership in Chicago. This partnership was made up of K-Line Corporation, Pines International Chemical Company, and Killian Association, among others. After several years he sold these companies and went to work for Harsco Company in Marion, Ohio, where they resided for three years. He later became self-employed in Chicago as a consultant. At this time they made their home in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. In 1977 they moved to Treasure Island, Florida, when Jim became president of CRS Industires in Tampa. They lived (1982) in South Pasadena, Florida.

Wherever they lived, they were always very active in the church. For many years they were advisors to young people's groups in the churches they served. In Florida they belonged to the Northside Baptist Church in St. Petersburg where Jim was a deacon and Priscilla taught a women's Bible Class called the Friendship Bible Coffee. She also was area representative of the Christian Women's Club and Christian Business and Professional Women. Before moving to Florida, she worked for four years for Lord and Taylor Company in Oak Brook, Illinois. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Jim was a member of the Board of Trustees of Taylor University. He enjoyed golf and tennis. Jim and Priscilla traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Caribbean Islands, Europe (three times), and the Orient (Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the Philippines). Keeping in close contact with their children and grandchildren rounded out their very full lives.

Children (9) BARNES

- i. James Hume III, b. Feb. 11, 1947
- ii. Paul Abbott, b. Apr. 6, 1949
- iii. Peter Bartlett, b. Oct. 2, 1951
- iv. Priscilla Bartlett, b. May 4, 1953

Reference: Mrs. James Hume Barnes, Jr.

JAMES HUME BARNES III⁹, (Jay), the son of James Hume, Jr., and Priscilla Bartlett (Coan) Barnes, was born in New York City on February 11, 1947. He was graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, in 1969 with a B.S. degree in mathematics. He received an M.A. degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Connecticut in 1970. He was working for his Ed.D. degree in college student personnel work at Loyola University in Chicago in 1982.

On June 26, 1971, at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Woodstock, Connecticut, he married Barbara Anne Johnson, the daughter of Axel T. and Olga Johnson. Barbara was born in Woodstock on September 19, 1948. She was graduated from Wheaton College in 1970 and was a registered nurse.

Jay was a 2nd lieutenant in the army stationed in Brooklyn, New York, from 1970 to 1972. Barbara worked as a nurse in a hospital on Staten Island. For the next four years they resided in Germany where Jay was principal of a high school for children of missionaries serving in Europe. Barbara acted as school librarian and nurse. In 1982 Jay was dean of student development at Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania. They were both active in the work of the Sunday School at the Church of the Brethren in Christ of which they were members. They resided in Mechanicsburg (1982).

Children (10) BARNES

- i. Rebecca Joy, b. Apr. 25, 1975
- ii. James Hume IV, b. Oct. 21, 1976
- iii. Mark Joshua, b. Apr. 4, 1978

Reference: Mrs. James Hume Barnes, Jr.

PAUL ABBOTT BARNES⁹, the son of James Hume, Jr., and Priscilla Bartlett (Coan) Barnes, was born in Detroit, Michigan, on April 6, 1949. He married on May 30, 1969, at the Christian Reformed Church in Wheaton, Illinois, Natalie Ann Hoekenga, the daughter of Nathaniel R. and Dorothy Hoekenga. He was graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, in 1971 with a B.A. degree in English literature. In 1972 he received an M.A. degree from Ball State University. Natalie attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was graduated from the College of Dupage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She was a registered nurse. In 1976 Paul and Natalie were divorced.

Paul taught for four years in the high school of Aurora, Illinois. On May 10, 1978, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, he married second Christine Shaw, who was born December 5, 1950 in Lansing, Michigan. In 1982 they lived in Hampton, New Jersey; and Paul was employed by the Ethicon Division of Johnson and Johnson in Somerville, New Jersey, as product manager.



The Barnes family at the wedding of Priscilla Bartlett (Candy) Barnes and Philip John Alfano, Jr. (back) James Hume Barnes III, Barbara Anne Johnson Barnes, James Hume Barnes, Jr., Priscilla Bartlett Coan Barnes, Candy, Philip, Natalie Ann Hoekenga Barnes, Paul Abbott Barnes, Francine Cocalas Barnes, and Peter Bartlett Barnes. (center) Robert James Barnes; (front) Mark Joshua Barnes, Ginger Lynn Barnes, Rebecca Joy Barnes, James Hume Barnes IV.



Grandchildren of Priscilla Bartlett Coan Barnes: Ginger, Rebecca, James, Mark, and Robert Barnes.



Shubael Prescott Coan (Bill)



Charles Bisbee Coan



Prescott Coan



Ruth Frances McTernan

Children (10) BARNES by Natalie

i. Ginger Lynn, b. Sept. 18, 1973

Reference: Mrs. James Hume Barnes, Jr.

PETER BARTLETT BARNES⁹, the son of James Hume, Jr., and Priscilla Bartlett (Coan) Barnes, was born in Detroit, Michigan, October 2, 1951. He attended Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, for three years. On January 19, 1975, in Fort Collins, Colorado, he married Francine Cocallas, daughter of James and Doris Cocallas. She was born May 2, 1952, in Chicago and was a graduate of Taylor University. She assisted her father at Carriage Hill Kennels which he owned and operated. In 1982 Peter worked for Metal Impact Company in Rosemont, Illinois, as chief design and operating engineer.

Children (10) BARNES

i. Robert James, b. Jan. 11, 1979

Reference: Mrs. James Hume Barnes, Jr.

PRISCILLA BARTLETT BARNES⁹, (Candy), the daughter of James Hume, Jr., and Priscilla Bartlett (Coan) Barnes, was born in Eastman, Georgia, May 4, 1953. She attended Taylor University for one year; became a registered nurse at Indiana University, Kokomo campus; received a B.A. degree in psychology from The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, New York; and was granted a B.S. degree in nursing at Marion College, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Candy worked at Memorial Hospital, Kokomo, Indiana; and at four hospitals in Indianapolis: University, Wishert, Methodist, and Riley Children's. On August 29, 1981, she married Philip John Alfano, Jr., who was born in Syracuse, New York, October 25, 1955, the son of Philip John and Louise Alfano. He attended The King's College and Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he received a B.S. degree in business. He was employed at the accounting office of Walt Disney, Orlando, Florida. He then worked in the Hospital Division of Service Master and was assistant manager of housekeeping at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. Candy worked at Emory University Hospital and at Egleston Children's Hospital. In 1982 they resided at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Reference: Mrs. James Hume Barnes, Jr.

SHUBAEL PRESCOTT⁶, COAN (Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, March 24, 1860,

the son of Robert Abbott and Mary Elizabeth (Bartlett) Coan. The Federal Census for the State of Maine in 1880 lists him as 20 years old and working for his uncle in his carriage and repair shop. The uncle was probably John C. Hersey, husband of his father's sister Sarah. Hersey was a farmer who also operated a carriage and repair shop in South Exeter. Shubael married Sarah C. (Chris) Lewis and from 1897 until he died lived in Ward Hill, Massachusetts, on a farm he purchased at 1300 Boston Road.

The Haverhill City Directories list him as (1897) wool-sorter; (1902) farmer; (1906) shoe maker; and (1920) wool-sorter. His descendants say that at the end of his life he was a department superintendent at the Wood Mill, a textile manufacturer, in Lawrence. All Haverhill directories listed him as William; sometimes as William S. P. Coan, and in his last years as William P. Coan. All family records, Federal Census records, and Exeter, Maine, town records list him as Shubael. Once he was listed in the census records as Charles Shubael, but never as William. In Everett S. Stackpole's Old Kittery and Her Families (Lewiston, Maine: Press of Lewiston Journal Company, 1903), p. 489, he was also listed as Charles S. His brother Fred called him Bill, a nickname for Shubael. Possibly others called him Bill too, so to go along with the nickname, he must have taken the name William. He died of cancer August 17, 1925, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Charles Bisbee, b. Feb. 13, 1891
- ii. Florence

Reference: Deaths, 1925 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 31, p. 236.

CHARLES BISBEE⁷ COAN (Shubael⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, February 13, 1891, the son of Shubael Prescott and Sarah C. (Lewis) Coan. He was graduated from Lowell Technical Institute (now University of Lowell) in 1912. While at Lowell Tech, he was a member and vice president of the Alembic Society. He was very tall and well-built, so his classmates tried to persuade him to go out for football, but he never did. He lived at home and said he had to help his father on the farm. After graduation he went to work for Renfrew Manufacturing Company of Adams, Massachusetts. During his lifetime he worked for various concerns as a chemist.

On February 12, 1916, in Bennington, Vermont, he married Grace Lillian Hill, the daughter of John Henry and Minnie Henrietta (Lyon) Hill. Grace was born in Chicago, August 27, 1890. They were divorced about 1924. Grace worked for the Boston and Albany Railroad for 25 years and was retired with recognition. She married second Henry C. Weeks.

Charles belonged to the Congregational church, the Masons, Shriners, and Knight Templars. About 1927 he married second Carrie Giles. He died February 26, 1970, in Sheffield, Massachusetts, and was buried in Exeter, Maine, in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road. In 1981 Grace was still living.

Children (8) COAN

i. Shubael Prescott, b. July 10, 1917

Reference: Alumni Office, University of Lowell, Lowell, MA 01854

Mrs. Prescott Coan, RFD, Boardman Street, Sheffield, MA 01257

Yearbook, Class of 1912, Lowell Technical Institute, Lowell, Mass.

SHUBAEL PRESCOTT⁸ COAN (Charles B.⁷, Shubael P.⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born July 10, 1917, in Haverhill, Massachusetts, the son of Charles Bisbee and Grace Lillian (Hill) Coan. He was always called Prescott, so dropped the name Shubael. In 1936 he was graduated from Hebron Academy, Hebron, Maine, and in 1940 received a B.A. degree from Amherst College where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He taught at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, the year 1941-1942. From 1942 until 1946 in World War II he served in the United States Naval Reserve as a first lieutenant, chief engineering officer, on the USS Hilary P. Jones in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Pacific.

January 9, 1943, in Andover, Massachusetts, he married Ruth Frances McTernen, born February 26, 1916, in Andover, Massachusetts, daughter of Dr. Malcolm Bodwell and Helen May (Cates) McTernen. Prescott worked for Monsanto Chemical Company, Plastics Division, as a Research Chemist in Sales, Technical Service, and Market Development; for Keller Products, Manchester, New Hampshire, as Distributor Sales Manager; and for Scott Graphics as Custom Product Sales Manager. He was a member of the Congregational Church, the Society of Plastics Industry and the Society of Plastics Engineers. In 1961 he received an M.B.A. degree from American International College, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Frances was graduated from Abbot Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, in 1935. She was active in the Hospital Auxiliary, Scouting, Garden Club, Abbot Alumni Association, the Hospice Movement, and the Congregational Church. In the church she held many offices, among them, those of church treasurer and church clerk.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Jeffery Prescott, b. Jan. 26, 1947
- ii. Hillary Frances, b. Oct. 21, 1949

Reference: Amherst College Biographical Record 1951 (Amherst, Mass.: published by Trustees of Amherst College, 1951) p. 468.

Mrs. Prescott Coan

JEFFERY PRESCOTT⁹ COAN (Prescott⁸, Charles B.⁷, Shubael P.⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born January 26, 1947, in Springfield, Massachusetts, son of Shubael Prescott and Ruth Frances (McTernen) Coan. He received his education at Cardigan Mountain School, Canaan, New Hampshire; Kents Hill School, Kents Hill, Maine; and Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, New Hampshire. He was always active in sports, especially soccer, hockey, baseball and lacrosse.

At Peterborough, New Hampshire, May 17, 1971, he married Delores Frances Brandt who was born in Canaan, Connecticut, January 30, 1946, daughter of Helmar and Natalie (Collari) Brandt. Delores was a potter, educated at the Interior Design School in New York City and Junior College in Palm Beach, Florida. Jeffery was a craftsman; he and Delores operated Tinker Farms Pottery, a pottery-woodworking business in Canaan. They belonged to the Connecticut Guild of Craftsmen and American Crafts Association. Jeffery coached the Canaan Youth Basketball Team (Pee Wee and Squirts), Southern Berkshire Youth Hockey, and Little League Baseball.

Children (10) COAN

- i. Jason Jung, b. Nov. 18, 1971, Pittsfield, Mass.
- ii. Colin Jeffery, b. May 4, 1973, Sharon, Conn.
- iii. Hillary Lyn, b. Sept. 12, 1975, Winsted, Conn.

Reference: Mrs. Prescott Coan

Kent's Hill School, Kent's Hill, ME 04349

HILLARY FRANCES⁹ COAN (Prescott⁸, Charles B.⁷, Shubael P.⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, October 31, 1949, daughter of Prescott and Ruth Frances (McTernen) Coan. In 1971 she was graduated with a B.A. degree from Wells College, Aurora, New York. On August 28, 1971, in Sheffield, Massachusetts, she married David Farr Hoppock, who was born December 19, 1945, in Orange, New Jersey, son of David W. and Cora (Farr) Hoppock. He received a B.S. degree and an M.B.A. degree from Cornell University. From 1970-1973 David served with the United States Air Force in communications at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Kansas City, Missouri. During that period



Delores Frances Brandt Coan, Jeffery Prescott Coan, Hillary Frances Coan Hoppock



Hillary Lyn Coan, Jason Jung Coan, Colin Jeffery Coan



Delores and Jeffery Coan with their Tinker Farms Pottery kiln.



Tinker Farms Pottery: (left) Wine decanter and goblet—lathe-turned black walnut top and lathe-turned stem; mortise and tenon joined. (right) Stoneware teapot — black walnut steam-bent handle, lathe-turned zebrawood pegs.

Hillary attended the University of Missouri in Kansas City and received her teaching certificate there in 1972.

From 1973 until 1977 David worked for Proctor and Gamble on Staten Island; from 1977-1979, for Arthur Anderson in New York City. In 1979 he went to work for Wells Fargo Bank in their international division. During this period they lived in Westfield, New Jersey. In March, 1981, David was transferred by Wells Fargo to San Francisco. From 1973 until 1976 Hillary worked for General Corporation as editor of their employee newspaper. She also attended Rutgers University in their M.B.A. program and had completed half the degree when they moved to California. In Westfield they were active in the First Congregational Church where David was church treasurer and Hillary served as chairman of the Antiques Show and of a "Mother's Morning Out" program.

David enjoyed playing squash, tennis, and golf. Hillary's sports were swimming, tennis, and racquetball. In 1982 they lived in Orinda, California, where they were members of the Orinda Community Church (Congregational), and Hillary was active in the League of Women Voters.

Children (10) HOPPOCK

- i. David Coan, b. Nov. 17, 1976, Summit, N.J.
- ii. Helen Ruth, b. July 13, 1979, Summit, N.J.

Reference: Mrs. David F. Hoppock, 3 Corte Del Rey, Orinda, CA 94563

⁷FLORENCE ⁶COAN (⁵Shubael P. , ⁴Robert A. , ³Shubael , ²Elisha D. , ¹Abraham², ¹Peter¹) was the daughter of Shubael Prescott and Sarah C. (Lewis) Coan. She was a bookkeeper for Knipe Brothers in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1919. October 11, 1922, in Haverhill she married Guy L. Bacon, son of Albert L. and Estella (Fisher) Bacon. He was an insurance agent.

Children (8) BACON

- i. Helen, b. Nov. 1923
- ii. Guy L., Jr., b. Sept. 29, 1925

Reference: Births, 1925 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 50, p. 293.

Haverhill and Groveland Directory (Boston: W. A. Greenough & Co., 1919), p. 260.

Marriages, 1922 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 23, p. 87.

⁶FRED WELBY⁶ ⁵COAN (⁴Robert A. , ³Shubael⁴ , ²Elisha D.³ , ¹Abraham², ¹Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, May 4, 1862, son of Robert Abbott and Mary Elizabeth (Bartlett) Coan. He

received his early education from the district school which he attended every winter until he was nearly 18 years old. He was an attractive little boy; and when he was small, the teacher used to hold him on her lap and play with his black curly hair.

When he was in his teens, he contracted scarlet fever. While he had to stay in bed recuperating, to help pass the time, his mother taught him how to knit. His daughter Ruth (1982) had the blue stockings he made for himself then.

When he was 16, he drove a milk team to the creamery. At that time in the spring and fall he went to high school. Winters he was back at the district school. In high school he had a school master and studied arithmetic, grammar, geography, and algebra. "Nobody ever graduated," he said; "everybody would just go and quit."

When he was 18 years old, his mother gave him an amethyst ring, possibly as a going-away present because it was then he left his home in Exeter for good. (The ring is still in the family--1982). He took the boat from Bangor to Boston and went to live in North Andover, Massachusetts, because his brother Frank was there. He became an apprentice for Davis and Ferber in Lawrence, a company that made all kinds of machinery for woolen mills. The first year he made \$0.90 a day; the second, \$1.00; the third, \$1.10; he worked six days a week. Just before his three years were up, he went to work for McKay's Machine Shop where he was a machinist making shoe machinery. Here he made \$2.50 a day.

After two years he moved to Ware, Massachusetts, "to fix sewing machines" for the Otis Company. He was paid \$3.00 a day. Here he met Minnie Draper Herrick who ran a sewing machine. They were married at her home in West Randolph, Vermont, in the fall of 1888 and returned to Ware to live. Minnie came from a large family. Her father was Lorenzo Dow Herrick who had nine children by his first wife and six by his second, Betsey Almira Booth, Minnie's mother. Minnie, who was born August 22, 1861, in West Randolph, Vermont, was next to the youngest and only 13 years old when her father died. He was a prominent Vermont farmer who held many town offices, was a Justice of the Peace, and influenced the founding of West Randolph Academy where he was a life-time member of the Board of Trustees.

November 18, 1889, Fred and Minnie had a daughter, Grace Herrick Coan, born in Ware. In 1891 Fred said he "wanted to get out and move around." Through an "insurance drummer" he heard of a job as a machinist in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He got the job and moved his family to Lebanon. Besides being a machinist, he was in charge of the stitching room and made \$3.50 a day. Three years later Superintendent Dorsey of the Lebanon mill left to be superintendent of the Elliott Manufacturing Company in Manchester and convinced Fred to go with him. At the Elliott, Fred was foreman of the stitching room and made \$4.00 a day to start. Over the years his pay was increased until during World War I it was raised



*David Farr Hoppock and Hillary
Frances Coan Hoppock*



David Coan Hoppock



*Helen Ruth Coan
Hoppock*

*The Prescott Coan
family: (back) David
Farr Hoppock, Prescott,
Jeffery Prescott Coan.
(center) Hillary Fran-
ces Coan Hoppock,
Ruth Frances McTer-
nan Coan, Delores
Frances Brandt Coan.
(front) Jason Jung
Coan, Colin Jeffery
Coan.*





Fred Welby Coan



Minnie Draper Herrick Coan



Grace Herrick Coan

to \$52.00 a week which he was making when he retired after forty years at the Eliott.

When Fred, Minnie, and Grace moved to Manchester, they lived in "a flat on Spruce Street" about a half mile from the mill. He became active in the Odd Fellows. He and Minnie were Charter Members of Acorn Rebekah Lodge in East Manchester. He was a member of Oak Hill Lodge and went through the chairs there, becoming Past Noble Grand of the Lodge and Deputy Chief Patriarch of Live Oak Encampment. He was also a member of the Masons.

September 9, 1906, Minnie died of cancer. Grace was then 16 years old. As her only parent, Fred took his responsibilities very seriously and was a very strict father. When Vaughn Griffin, whom Grace later married, wanted to take her canoeing on the Merrimack River (the thing to do in those days), he had to take Fred first to prove Vaughn knew how to handle a canoe. At Grace's urging, Fred bought a house at 318 Laurel Street in a nice residential section. He lived here the rest of his life, and made a home for his aged mother until she died in 1914, four days before her 87th birthday.

August 26, 1911, Fred married second Pearl Ianna Knowles, born in Stark, New Hampshire, November 4, 1888, daughter of the Reverend James B. and Annie Jane (Baker) Rinehart Knowles. She worked for him at the Eliott. Pearl was an accomplished needle worker and seamstress. For years she made all her own clothes--dresses, underwear, coats--and after Ruth was born made all her things too. Pearl had considerable dramatic and musical ability. When she was in the eighth grade at the Hallsville School, she was selected to be the school's representative in the Annual City of Manchester Elocutionary Contest for Clarke Prizes, and won first prize. As a young woman, she was often soprano soloist for her church, the Tabernacle. Her hair was her "crowning glory." In the early years of her marriage it hung down to her knees; and she wore it in thick, shining braids around her head.

February 28, 1914, Fred and Pearl had a daughter, Gertrude Baker Coan, who lived only until September 4. On June 19, 1915, a second daughter, Ruth Alberta Coan, was born. About this time Fred purchased the two-tenement house next door on Laurel Street. It had a large barn in which he could keep his horse Sadie and his wagons. Fred owned several acres of land on the outskirts of East Manchester and here had an apple orchard and large garden. He was happiest when he was working in his garden. Spring, summer, and fall he drove Sadie out there nearly every night after supper and worked until dark. He always said he'd have been a farmer only there wasn't any money in it. Summers he kept his family and neighbors well supplied with fresh vegetables. Pearl worked hard canning these, and in the fall she and Fred packed the cold room in the cellar with beets, turnip, pumpkin, squash, carrots, potatoes, and apples for the winter months ahead.

Fred was a kind, even-tempered, soft-spoken, hard working, highly respected man. He was absolutely honest and didn't like to owe anyone anything. Once when his friend, Mr. Sargent the plumber, had done some work for him, the day the work was finished Fred was at the plumber's office to pay the bill. Mr. Sargent, disgusted at such promptness, said, "My bookkeeper isn't here; we don't even have your bill figured out. You'll get it in the mail when we do. Go home, Fred. I don't want your money."

Although Fred was old enough to be his wife Pearl's father, he was as modern and young in his thinking as she was. He owned the second car in the neighborhood, an Essex, on which he took driving lessons when he was in his sixties. He saw to it that Pearl had driving lessons, so she could operate the Essex too. He liked nice things and bought Pearl some lovely pieces of jewelry. He had one of the first electric refrigerators on his street; the latest automatic Edison console phonograph; and one Christmas he gave both Pearl and Ruth mahogany Governor Winthrop desks. He enjoyed the theater; when the Park Players were in Manchester during the winter seasons, he and Pearl always had tickets. He was very faithful to his lodge; every Monday and Wednesday evenings found him at Dearborn Hall for meetings. He was an excellent card player and taught both his daughters to play auction bridge. Grace later became a tournament contract bridge player. He gave unstintingly to his family and was willing to make any sacrifice, as was Pearl, to see that Ruth got the college education she wanted.

Fred was old enough to be Ruth's grandfather, but he understood her as well as her much younger mother, sometimes better. Ruth heard her mother once complaining to Fred because Ruth was so inept in the kitchen. Her father in his usual slow, succinct way answered, "The thing she's really good at is books; let her alone; let her read 'em."

In her junior year in high school Ruth was scheduled for second semester mathematics, which she did not want to take. When she complained, the principal listened to her explanation as to why she didn't need it, smiled, and said he thought taking it was a good idea.

Furious, Ruth appealed to her father. "Dad, I want you to leave the mill for an hour tomorrow, and go to see Mr. Morrison. I hate math, and he's making me take another term of it. When I complained, all he said was that he thought taking it was 'a good idea.' You tell him I don't need it for college and that you prefer I take something else."

Fred thought a moment and replied, "Ruth, I've lived in this city for a good many years. In all the time I've lived here no one has ever asked me to be principal of Manchester High School. Until they do, I think we'd better let Mr. Morrison do his job." Ruth took the math.

Another time when Ruth was expecting a young lady teacher friend for the weekend, Ruth asked her mother for some ash trays for this friend's use. Pearl, shocked that her



Fred Welby Coan (1911)



Pearl Ianna Knowles



Gertrude Baker Coan



Ruth Alberta Coan and Pearl



(left) Fred Coan with Pearl and Ruth at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, 1918. (right) Ruth and Fred, 1919.



Fred Coan's home on Laurel Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, 1913.

daughter would "have a smoker for a friend," refused the request. Fred overheard the conversation. Very shortly he climbed the stairs to Ruth's room where she was angrily preparing to leave and said, "No need for you to pack your suitcase. There will be plenty of ashtrays around for your friend when she gets here." And there were.

Fred was always cordial to all Ruth's friends, both male and female. When Ruth asked him how he liked one of her boyfriends, his standard comment was, "Oh, he's all right."

At one time she was thinking seriously of one particular boy; and when her father gave his standard reply to her questioning, she said, "But, Dad, I might marry him. What do you really think of him?"

Fred paused for a second and then replied, "I think he would make a damn good horse jockey." To him a horse jockey in those days was physically, mentally, and morally inferior. That was all he ever said. He continued to be cordial to the boy, but that remark somehow ended any serious feelings Ruth might have had.

When she finally asked him about the boy she eventually married, his comment was, "He'll never set the world on fire, but he's a good boy." Fame and fortune she'd never have, just an average, happy life. And he was right!

Fred lived a remarkably healthy life. Until his short, final illness, his family never saw him sick in bed even for a day; and not once in his entire lifetime was he a patient in a hospital. He died at his Laurel Street home February 1, 1941, aged 78, and was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Manchester.

Pearl outlived her husband for over thirty years. She sold the Laurel Street property and the garden acreage to build at 240 Ash Street a little house of which she'd always dreamed and which she designed herself. She worked for many years as a sales clerk for the Leavitt Company, the largest department store in Manchester. Pearl was an attractive, refined lady who always was well-groomed and stylishly dressed. She was a loving, self-sacrificing mother and an industrious, affectionate, supportive wife. In her old age she was honored as a fifty-year member of the First Baptist Church where she taught the Boethian Class, sang in the choir, and was very active in the Delta Alpha group. Her church meant a great deal to her; she gave to it generously, often beyond her means. She had a strong, meaningful Christian faith. At age 89 on November 13, 1977, she died at a Falmouth, Maine, nursing home near her daughter Ruth; and was buried along with Fred, Minnie, and Gertrude in Pine Grove Cemetery in Manchester.

Children (7) COAN by first wife Minnie

i. Grace Herrick, b. Nov. 18, 1889

Children (7) COAN by second wife Pearl

- i. Gertrude Baker, b. Feb. 28, 1914; d. Sept. 4, 1914
- ii. Ruth Alberta, b. June 19, 1915

Reference: Mrs. Robert W. Fulton, 11 Loraine Street, Portland, ME 04103

General Jedediah Herrick and Lucius C. Herrick, Herrick Genealogy (Columbus, Ohio: Privately Printed, 1885), pp. 126, 127.

GRACE HERRICK⁷ COAN (Fred W.⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born November 18, 1889, in Ware, Massachusetts, the daughter of Fred Welby and Minnie Draper (Herrick) Coan. She lived most of her life in Manchester, New Hampshire, and was educated in the public schools there. She was graduated from Manchester Central High School in the class of 1908. She was an accomplished piano player and, after graduating from high school, gave music lessons. On September 22, 1913, in Manchester she married Vaughn David Griffin, who was born in Henniker, New Hampshire, August 28, 1889, the son of Willard Henry and Jennie (Greenwood) Griffin.

Grace and Vaughn were members of the First Congregational Church. After Vaughn's graduation from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering in 1912, he worked at Griffin and Cogswell, a shoe factory founded by his father in East Manchester. He later became interested in insurance and from 1929 to 1959 was general agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company for New Hampshire and Vermont.

Both Grace and Vaughn enjoyed playing golf and were contract bridge enthusiasts. Grace was an excellent player and participated in many bridge tournaments. She was for many years a member of the Interrogation Club and did considerable civic volunteer work. Her daughter, Jane, speaking of her, once said: "She did not have any leadership roles; she left this to Dad. I think she underestimated her abilities, probably because of her limited education. She was a brilliant woman!" Before the Great Depression Grace and Vaughn often took the same amount of money and invested it to see who could make more. Grace consistently won.

In 1923, Vaughn served as worshipful master of Washington Lodge of the Masons. He was president of the Manchester Council of Social Agencies in 1938 and was the first campaign chairman of the Manchester Community Chest. He was a charter member of the Manchester Kiwanis Club and served as its president in 1924. He was a past-president of the New Hampshire Tuberculosis Association from 1930 to 1957. He was a trustee of the Elliot Hospital and president of the Manchester Country Club from 1945 to 1947.

Grace and Vaughn owned a summer home at Lake Winnepesaukee. After Vaughn's retirement they moved to Ormand Beach, Florida, where they lived the rest of their lives.



Ruth and Fred with Sadie hitched to the surrey for a Sunday afternoon drive, 1920.



Ruth Coan, Grace Coan Griffin, Pearl and Fred Coan at Grace's summer cottage, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, 1925.



Grace Herrick Coan



Vaughn David Griffin



Jane Griffin



*Willard Henry Griffin and
Frederick Welby Griffin*

Grace died January 12, 1967. Vaughn married second Beatrice de Meister on December 17, 1967. He died in Ormond Beach January 27, 1970. Both he and Grace were buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Children (8) GRIFFIN

- i. Willard Henry, b. Nov. 1, 1914
- ii. Frederick Welby, b. May 28, 1917
- iii. Jane, b. Sept. 28, 1927

Reference: Mrs. Robert W. Fulton

Ezra S. Stearns, Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire (New York and Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1908), Vol. III, p. 1410.

WILLARD HENRY GRIFFIN⁸, the son of Vaughn David and Grace Herrick (Coan) Griffin, was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, November 1, 1914. He was graduated from Saint Paul's School in Concord in 1933; and received an A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1937. From 1937 to 1941 he worked as special agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. December 28, 1942, in Hyannis, Massachusetts, he married Marjorie Alice Carmichael, who was born in Winchester, Massachusetts, January 20, 1921, the daughter of Chester H. and Florence (Winter) Carmichael of Medfield.

From 1942 to 1945 Willard served in the United States Naval Reserve in World War II, and was discharged as lieutenant. He returned to the employ of Northwestern after the war and from 1948 to 1958 served as superintendent of agencies; from 1958 to 1971 he was general agent for the State of Connecticut. Before he contracted polio in the 1950s, he enjoyed sports, especially skiing and sailing. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and served several terms as trustee. He was always active in volunteer work.

Marjorie was graduated from Kendall Hall in Peterborough, New Hampshire, and attended Mount Ida and Harcum Junior colleges. She was very active in the Girl Scouts; she served as leader, leader trainer, and service chairman for many years. She was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church and always active in volunteer work in the community.

Willard and Marjorie made their home (1982) on Cape Cod in West Chatham, Massachusetts. There they were members of the First Congregational Church; and Willard was president of the Port Fortune Housing Council, a group that planned to build about fifty rental units for low- and moderate-income families.

Children (9) GRIFFIN

- i. Ann Carmichael, b. Feb. 27, 1950
- ii. Richard Carmichael, b. Aug. 16, 1951
- iii. Willard Henry, Jr., b. Jan. 7, 1955

Reference: Willard H. Griffin, Box 105, 50 Indian Trail,
West Chatham, MA 02669

ANN CARMICHAEL GRIFFIN⁹, daughter of Willard Henry and Marjorie Alice (Carmichael) Griffin, was born February 27, 1950, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was graduated from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, with a B.A. degree in French literature in 1972. She was awarded a master's degree in French literature from New York University in Paris, France, in 1974.

On May 12, 1979, in Chatham, Massachusetts, she married Jeffrey Scott Wilson, who was born at Rochester, Minnesota, on December 27, 1952, the son of Dr. Leo H. and Colleen Wilson. In 1982 Ann and Jeffrey resided in Framingham, Massachusetts. Ann worked at the Veterans' Hospital in West Roxbury, and Jeffrey was employed by Apollo Computer Company in Billerica.

Reference: Willard H. Griffin

RICHARD CARMICHAEL GRIFFIN⁹, the son of Willard Henry and Marjorie Alice (Carmichael) Griffin, was born August 16, 1951, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was graduated from Proctor Academy, Andover, New Hampshire, in 1970. His first love was the sea; and he spent his time working on boats and sailing them, both for pleasure and profit.

Reference: Willard H. Griffin

WILLARD HENRY GRIFFIN, JR.⁹, the son of Willard Henry and Marjorie Alice (Carmichael) Griffin, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 7, 1955. On June 25, 1977, at Chatham, Massachusetts, he married Nina P. Gagaron. They were divorced. He attended Cape Cod Community College and in 1982 was a junior at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Reference: Willard H. Griffin

FREDERICK WELBY GRIFFIN⁸, the son of Vaughn David and Grace Herrick (Coan) Griffin, was named for his Grandfather Coan. He wrote the following autobiographical sketch for this genealogy:

1917, May 28 -- I was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, at a house owned, I think, by a Mrs. Chandler who provided a lying-in service.

1920 -- The family moved from Linden Street to 1038 Union Street and then to 84 Bay Street about 1923.



84 Bay Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, home of Vaughn and Grace Coan Griffin.



(back) Ruth Alberta Coan, Willard Henry Griffin, Grace Herrick Coan Griffin, Alton Barrows Atwood. (front) Fred Welby Coan with his granddaughter Jane Griffin, Mabel Elizabeth Coan Atwood, Pearl Ianna Knowles Coan, Carrie Keefe Coan, Priscilla Bartlett Coan with her father Robert Abbott Coan (1931). Photo by Vaughn David Griffin.



Willard Henry Griffin



Marjorie Alice Carmichael



Ann Carmichael Griffin, Richard Carmichael Griffin, Willard Henry Griffin, Jr.

1923 -- I attended Webster Grammar School on the southeast corner of Webster and Chestnut streets. The family built a summer cottage in Gilford on Varney Point on Lake Winnepesaukee, and summers were spent there until I started working as a counsellor at Camp DeWitt in 1934.

Father, Vaughn sold about 1922 the family shoe business which he ran with his brother, Wayne. He went into the life insurance business and became General Agent of Northwestern Mutual about 1926. During those years, and actually most of his life, father never worked any harder than he had to, to live the kind of life he wanted for himself and the family. In the summer he would often stay at Winnepesaukee for two or three weeks at a time until Mother would say the bank account was low. He would then work for two or three weeks, but soon be back at the lake for another holiday with the family.

1929 -- Most of the family assets were invested in the stock market, and Dad was buying Chrysler stock short. I gathered everything but the two houses was gone by 1930, and those were heavily mortgaged. Dad somehow was able to keep brother Bill at Saint Paul's and send me to Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, in 1931. I had attended Manchester Central High School in 1930. By 1932 the pinch was tighter, and Dad told me that he could pay about \$700 toward the cost of Andover and that I would have to work for the rest. I contacted two women in the town who would take in a student's laundry and got a commission on each student I could sell. I also waited on tables and managed to make up the difference. By 1935 things were improving and the strain easing.

1935-1936 -- I spent the year as an exchange student at Wellington College in Crowthorne, Berkshire, England. There had been a Wellington boy at Andover in 1934-35, but no Andover boy at Wellington. I approached Headmaster Fuess in December, 1934, about sending me the following year, and I finally persuaded him about March. This exchange program continued for many years.

1936-1940 -- I went to Harvard University and was graduated with an A.B. degree in European history. I spent three summers at Camp DeWitt and one with a friend, Jim Curwen (We were on the swimming team together) in Canton, Ohio, where we worked for Timkin Roller Bearing in their steel mill.

1940 -- I started as a life insurance agent with Dad for Northwestern. In December I met Ruth Brownlie Dickson at a country club dance. She was Harold McAllister's date and a junior at the University of New Hampshire.

1941 -- In March I decided life insurance was not for me and went with New Hampshire Insurance Company as

as their first college graduate trainee at \$75.00 a month.

Memorial Day I proposed to Ruth at Pemaquid, Maine.

September 20, Ruth and I were married at the Dickson home in Bath, Maine. Her parents were David Carlyle and Ruth (Brownlie) Dickson. Ruth was born November 15, 1920, at Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Mother and Dad Griffin had built a house at 532 Ray Street about 1937. They built the cape at 530 Ray Street for Ruth and me, and we moved in after the honeymoon. I went to work at New Hampshire Insurance on a bicycle, or by bus in the winter. In October I got a raise--33%!--to \$100.00 a month.

1942 -- In May I was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve at \$250.00 a month. From July to September I attended Student Officer School at Tower Hall, Michigan Avenue, in Chicago.

1942, September-1944, August -- I was an instructor in Ordinance at Midshipmen's School in Chicago.

1944, August -- After trying for about one year to get sea duty, I finally got orders to the Geo. Clymer, a 15,000 ton freight and passenger ship converted to an attack transport APA 27. I picked up the ship in New Guinea and was back in San Francisco for a yard overhaul by December. Having been trained as a gunnery officer, I was made acting 1st lieutenant during the yard overhaul because all the lieutenants, senior grade, had leave coming. For reasons I never knew, I was made permanent 1st lieutenant over four other officers senior to me when we sailed for the Philippines in January. I continued as 1st lieutenant until I was discharged on points in December, 1945. The only action I saw was in the invasion of Okinawa in April, 1945. The rest of the time was spent transporting troops here and there in the South Pacific and training for invasions.

1946, January -- I went back to New Hampshire Insurance Company as Special Agent for Eastern Massachusetts with the office in Boston. Ruth nearly died of spinal meningitis, and we never moved into the house we had purchased in Hingham before I accepted a job with Jack Nelson with the Berry Insurance Agency at 819 Elm Street in Manchester. I had concluded that working for a large company was not for me.

1950 -- I became a partner.

1956 -- We merged with Edgerly Agency (Howard Burpee and F. Edgerly, his uncle).

1968 -- We merged with Robert S. Perkins to form Burpee, Griffin, and Perkins.

1973-74 -- We made an unsuccessful merger with Bill Stone; this merger was dissolved after one year.

1980 -- Howard Burpee retired and moved to Old Orchard Beach, Maine.



Frederick Welby Griffin



Ruth Brownlie Dickson



*Barbara Dickson Griffin, Frederick Welby Griffin, Jr.,
Robin Ann Griffin, and Bonnie Jane Griffin seated.*



Jane Griffin



Robert Luther Greene



Phyllis Carol Greene, Vaughn Digby Greene, Robert Luther Greene, Cynthia Jane Greene, Jane Griffin Greene, Randall Luther Greene.

1982 -- Burpee, Griffin and Perkins, Inc., merged with Kendall Insurance, Inc., of Rochester, New Hampshire.

Other Activities

- 1950 -- Chairman of the Red Cross drive.
- 1952 -- Trustee of the Manchester Savings Bank.
- 1956 -- President of the Manchester Exchange Club.
- 1962-1970 -- Trustee of the Elliot Hospital.
- 1967-1970 -- Regional Alumni Director of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont for Harvard College.
- 1976 -- Director of the Manchester Bank and the holding company--the First Financial Group--and vice-chairman of the board of directors of both. (In 1981 names of bank and holding company changed to Bank East and Bank East Corporation respectively.)
- Director of the Controlled Environmental Cooperation, a four-season, 3,500-acre development owned by the Manchester Bank, United Life and Accident, Dartmouth College, and the Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests;
- Director and 1st president of the Mid-Merrimack Health Planning Council;
- Trustee of the Norwin and Elizabeth Bean Charitable Foundation; chairman, 1979-1982;
- 1980 -- Director of the New England Ski Museum, Franconia, New Hampshire.
- 1981 -- Citizen of the Year Award from Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

Ruth had finished only her junior year at the University of New Hampshire when we were married in 1941. About 1960 she started taking courses at the University, St. Anselm's, and Notre Dame. She received her A.B. degree in education from the University of New Hampshire in 1963. That year she started teaching in Manchester. In 1982 she was still teaching the first grade at Parker Varney School in West Manchester. For some years then she had been saying she would retire -- "next year, maybe." She was still playing tennis, starting golf, skiing downhill and cross country. On vacations she did much reading and painting, mostly watercolor, in the past few years.

Ruth and I resided in Bedford, New Hampshire (1982). I played tennis in the summer two or three times a week, swam at the YMCA about three times a week, and in the winter did downhill and cross-country skiing from our house in Franconia, which was built in 1972. We owned a similar house in Woodstock, but it was taken over by the State for the construction of the I-93 interchange in 1970. I occasionally went bass fishing and developed an interest in bird watching. In

1982 I was planning to retire in 1984, and in addition to the above activities I hoped to study geology and anthropology.

Children (9) GRIFFIN

- i. Barbara Dickson, b. Sept. 20, 1943
- ii. Frederick Welby, Jr., b. Aug. 24, 1947
- iii. Robin Ann, b. Mar. 11, 1950
- iv. Bonnie Jane, b. Nov. 20, 1952

Reference: Frederick W. Griffin, 10 Orchard Hill Circle, Bedford, NH 03102

BARBARA DICKSON GRIFFIN⁹, the daughter of Frederick Welby and Ruth Brownlie (Dickson) Griffin, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 20, 1943. She was graduated from Smith College with a B.A. degree in 1965. In 1967 she received an M.A.T. degree from the University of Pittsburg. She taught in a private secondary school in Valencia, Venezuela, in 1966. She taught English in Lexington, Massachusetts, High School 1967-1971.

On July 10, 1971, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, she married Robert Jay Ludwig, who was born July 16, 1943, in Palmyra, Pennsylvania, the son of John and Laura (Bennetch) Ludwig. Robert was graduated from Lebanon Valley College, Anville, Pennsylvania, with an A.B. degree in mathematics. In 1967 he received an M.S. degree in mathematics from the University of New Hampshire.

Robert worked for the Presbyterian Church in Inman Square, Cambridge; Arthur D. Little, Inc., in the agri-business division for about six years; and in 1980 became business manager and administrator of Grace Chapel in Lexington.

Children (10) LUDWIG

- i. Heidi Griffin, b. Jan. 4, 1974
- ii. Kathryn Louise, b. Aug. 7, 1976

Reference: Frederick W. Griffin

FREDERICK WELBY GRIFFIN, JR.⁹, the son of Frederick Welby and Ruth Brownlie (Dickson) Griffin, was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, on August 24, 1947. He was graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. degree in business in 1972. On June 10, 1972, at Ogunquit, Maine, he married Martha Myrand, who was born March 11, 1949, at Lewiston, Maine, the daughter of John and Constance (Leblanc) Myrand. Martha was graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. degree in business in 1973. They owned and operated the Kennebunk Inn at Kennebunkport, Maine, (1982).



The Williard Henry Griffin, Sr., family: Richard, Marjorie, Jeffrey Scott Wilson, Ann Griffin Wilson, Willard, Jr., and Willard, Sr., seated.



The Frederick Welby Griffin, Sr., family: (front) Barbara Griffin Ludwig with Heather Griffin Foster, Martha Myrand Griffin, Ruth, Bonnie, Robin Griffin Foster. (back) Frederick, Sr., and Frederick, Jr.



The Jane Griffin Greene family: Vaughn Digby, Phyllis Carol, Randolph Luther, Cynthia Jane.



Fred Griffin Gets Citizen of the Year Award: Ruth, Fred's wife; Fred; Barbara Ludwig, Fred's daughter; Fred's daughter-in-law and son, Martha and Rick Griffin. Courtesy Denis Paiste, The Union Leader, Manchester, New Hampshire, October 21, 1981.

Children (10) GRIFFIN

- i. Lydia Brownlie, b. Mar. 9, 1978
- ii. Alexis Campagna, b. June 28, 1980

Reference: Frederick W. Griffin

ROBIN ANN GRIFFIN⁹, the daughter of Frederick Welby and Ruth Brownlie (Dickson) Griffin, was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, on March 11, 1950. She was graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. degree in social services.

She was a photographer and owned and operated the Photo Studio and Antique Shop in Waitsfield, Vermont. On November 3, 1979, at Lake Placid, New York, she married Robert Peck Foster, who was born April 10, 1943, at Schenectady, New York, the son of Henry Joslyn and Virginia (Peck) Foster. Robert was graduated from the State University College at Oswego, New York, with a B.A. degree in economics. He was a masonry contractor April to December and an assistant in the medical section of Sugarbush ski area the rest of the year. They resided (1982) at Waitsfield, Vermont.

Children (10) FOSTER

- i. Heather Griffin, b. July 12, 1981, Randolph, Vermont

Reference: Frederick W. Griffin

BONNIE JANE GRIFFIN⁹, the daughter of Frederick Welby and Ruth Brownlie (Dickson) Griffin, was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, November 20, 1952. She was graduated from Colby Junior College, now Colby-Sawyer, New London, New Hampshire, in 1972. Bonnie moved to Sun Valley, Idaho, in 1973 and as of 1982 was still there working as a waitress in the Pioneer Saloon.

Reference: Frederick W. Griffin

JANE GRIFFIN⁸, the daughter of Vaughn David and Grace Her-
rick (Coan) Griffin, was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, September 28, 1927. She was graduated from Bradford Junior College in 1946. On July 6, 1947, Jane married Robert Luther Greene, who was born in Cloverdale, Botetourt County, Virginia, March 23, 1923, the son of Digby Norcott and Hattie Lennis (Shipp) Greene. He was a 1940 graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. After college he enlisted in the United States Air Force in World War II. He was a 1st lieutenant and taught communications and radar.

In 1947 he received a master's degree in chemical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

For most of their married life Jane and Robert lived in Dallas, Texas, where Robert worked as a consultant for Purvin & Gertz, Inc. He later became president and owner of Greene & Associates, Inc. Besides their home in Dallas they owned a house on Lake Tawakoni in Texas and one on the ocean at Cape Neddick, Maine. They both enjoyed tennis, opera, and travel. Their excellent art collection of original oils and water colors was another of their hobbies.

Jane was office manager for Greater Dallas Housing Opportunity Center, and beginning in 1977 was president of J. G. & Associates, Inc., Fair Housing Consultants. Her volunteer activities were extensive: American Diabetes Association, North Central Texas: board of directors; The Amigos: a program of dynamics in race and intergroup relations, co-founder and coordinator, board of directors; Dallas Alliance: Neighborhood Regeneration and Maintenance Task Force; Dallas Housing Forum: member; vice-chairwoman and program chairwoman 1976-1977; Family Guidance Center: board of directors; Goals for Dallas: member and discussion leader; Greater Dallas Housing Opportunity Center: board of directors, president, 1975; primary researcher, investigator, and author of Study of Discrimination and Steering Practice by Real Estate Agents in Dallas, 1974; League of Women Voters: member; Manpower Advisory Council - City of Dallas: member, vice-chairwoman, 1977; National Neighbors: board of directors and executive committee; annual conference chairwoman, 1976; State Bar of Texas: member, planning committee for a more effective state bar; U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: member, Fair Housing Committee, 1974-1975; planned Fair Housing Conference, Washington, D.C., 1975; Volunteer Center: board of directors; Women's Council of Dallas County: member.

Children (9) GREENE

- i. Phyllis Carol, b. Sept. 13, 1948
- ii. Randall Luther, b. Oct. 6, 1951
- iii. Vaughn Digby, b. Feb. 1, 1956
- iv. Cynthia Jane, b. May 22, 1957

Reference: Mrs. Robert L. Greene, 7447 Stonecrest, Dallas, TX 75240

PHYLLIS CAROL GREENE⁹, the daughter of Robert Luther and Jane (Griffin) Greene, was born September 13, 1948, in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She was graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, with a B.A. degree in 1970. She received an M.Ed. degree from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Oregon, in 1972. In 1982 she lived in Louisville, Colorado. Not far from her home in Louisville she owned a mountain



Ruth Alberta Coan



Robert William Fulton



Robert MacGregor Fulton, David Kenniston Fulton, Pamela Louise Fulton



The Ruth Coan Fulton family in 1965: (back) David, Pamela, Robert M. (front) Robert W., Ruth.



The Fultons skiing at Sunday River, Maine, 1958. David, Robert, Pamela, Ruth, and Bobby.



The summit of Mount Chocorua, New Hampshire, 1963: The Fultons—David, Bob, Pamela, Ruth, and Robert.

cabin which overlooked the Continental Divide. She owned and operated The Boulder Buyer, a real estate firm in Louisville. She was a member of the board of directors of a health clinic and the Women's Center.

Reference: Mrs. Robert L. Greene

RANDALL LUTHER GREENE⁹, the son of Robert Luther and Jane (Griffin) Greene, was born October 6, 1951, in Summit, New Jersey. He was graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a B.B.A. degree with an accounting major. In 1982 he had passed half his C.P.A. exams and was working as internal auditor for Pizza Inn. His hobbies were fishing and deep sea diving.

Reference: Mrs. Robert L. Greene

VAUGHN DIGBY GREENE⁹, the son of Robert Luther and Jane (Griffin) Greene, was born February 1, 1956, in Dallas, Texas. After graduating from St. Mark's School of Texas, he spent a year studying in Evian, France. His junior year at Tufts University he was enrolled at the University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany. He received a B.A. degree cum laude from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, in 1978. His hobbies included skiing and scuba diving.

Reference: Mrs. Robert L. Greene

CYNTHIA JANE GREENE⁹, the daughter of Robert Luther and Jane (Griffin) Greene, was born May 22, 1957, in Dallas, Texas. She was graduated from the Thompson School at the University of New Hampshire in 1981 with a B.S. degree in business administration.

Reference: Mrs. Robert L. Greene

RUTH ALBERTA⁷ COAN (Fred W.⁶, Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Fred Welby and Pearl Ianna (Knowles) Coan, was born June 19, 1915, in Manchester, New Hampshire. When she was graduated from Wilson Grammar School, she was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Medal. In 1932 she was valedictorian of her class at Manchester Central High School. In 1936 she received an A.B. degree from Bates College where she was a four-year member of the Chapel Choir and the Glee Club, treasurer of the Women's Student Government, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and active in the 4-A Players. She played Lady Macbeth in Macbeth and the leading role of Hecuba in the Commencement Play, The Trojan Women. In 1936-1937 at Pem-

broke Academy, Pembroke, New Hampshire, she taught English, Latin, and French, as well as directed the glee club and the annual operetta, Victor Herbert's Sweethearts. The next three years she taught English and coached dramatics at Edward Little High School, Auburn, Maine. The summer of 1937 she attended Columbia University. From 1938-1940 she was social director at Bates College Summer School.

In Manchester, New Hampshire, September 28, 1940, Ruth married Robert William Fulton, born September 10, 1910, son of William Lyman and Bessie Louise (Marston) Fulton. After living in Buffalo and Syracuse, New York, in 1945 the young couple moved to Portland, Maine, where they still resided in 1982. Robert received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He worked forty-one years in fire protection engineering for the Factory Insurance Association of Hartford, Connecticut, now Industrial Risk Insurers, and retired in 1975.

In 1967-68 Ruth was a substitute teacher at the Boys' Training Center, South Portland. She joined the faculty of Andover College in Portland as English Instructor in 1968. In 1975 she received a M.S.Ed. degree from the University of Maine, Portland-Gorham, now the University of Southern Maine. In 1976 along with teaching one class, she became Academic Dean at Andover College, a position she held until she retired in 1979. She wrote articles on education for numerous magazines. The following manuals which she wrote for use at Andover College she published and marketed: Business Student's Easy Guide to Report Writing, Business Student's Easy Guide to the Metric System, and Business Student's Easy Guide to Library Reference Materials.

The church played an important part in the lives of Ruth and Robert. They met at the First Baptist Church in Manchester where they were members and active in youth work, especially in Christian Endeavor. The minister at that time was Dr. Charles P. MacGregor who baptized and married them and for whom they gave their son Robert the middle name of MacGregor. They later joined Immanuel Baptist Church in Portland where Robert was president of the Men's Club, deacon, and trustee; and Ruth was teacher in the high school department of the church school. She held a similar position for many years when they joined Woodfords Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ; and Robert was superintendent of the church school, deacon, and trustee at Woodfords.

Robert was a professional engineer in the states of Massachusetts and Maine and a member of the Woodfords Club in Portland where he was active on the billiards teams. He was an avid skier, skater, and fisherman. Ruth held membership in many educational organizations, some of which were Modern Language Association, International Reading Association, New England Reading Association, National Business Teachers' Association, American Business Communication Asso-



Pamela Louise Fulton



Brent Wilson McLaughlin



Patrick Coan McLaughlin and Benjamin Robert McLaughlin



Sharon Lee Julien



David Kenniston Fulton



David Kenniston Fulton, Jr., (Kenny), and Darci Kay Fulton

ciation, New England Business Educators Association. She also was a member of the Portland College Club, the Camp Fire Girls as a sponsor and member of the board of directors. After she retired and began working on her family genealogy, she joined the Maine Historical Society, the Maine Old Cemetery Association, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She and Robert were both members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants; she through Stephen Hopkins, and he through Isaac Alberton, Francis Eaton, Degory Priest, and John Howland.

Besides their home at 11 Loraine Street, Portland, Ruth and Robert owned a cottage at Great Pond, Belgrade Lakes, where they spent their summers.

Children (8) FULTON

- i. Pamela Louise, b. Jan. 16, 1947
- ii. David Kenniston, b. Oct. 25, 1949
- iii. Robert MacGregor, b. June 10, 1952

PAMELA LOUISE FULTON⁸, the daughter of Robert William and Ruth Alberta (Coan) Fulton, was born in Portland, Maine, January 16, 1947. She was graduated from Deering High School, Portland, in 1965 where she was a member of the National Honor Society; in 1969 she received a B.A. degree from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where she was a member of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority and Tri Beta, a national honorary biological society. The summer of 1968 she was one of twenty chosen from the Great Lakes colleges to participate in a six-week National Science Foundation program in marine biology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In 1974 she received an M.S.Ed. degree from the University of Maine, Portland-Gorham, now the University of Southern Maine.

From 1969 to 1979 she taught 7th Grade Science at Mahoney Junior High School in South Portland. There she organized and led the Nature Club to give students firsthand experience with the great outdoors. She was a member of the Josselyn Botanical Society and the Appalachian Mountain Club. She climbed, as well as led trips up, the highest peaks in New Hampshire and Maine. She canoed the Allagash, the St. John River, the Aroostook River in Maine; and the boundary waters of Minnesota. As an avid bicyclist, besides many shorter trips, she rode 200 miles around the west shore of Nova Scotia; the same distance around the Door Peninsula in Wisconsin; and completed the 500-mile Bike Centennial Trail through Illinois and Kentucky. She always was interested in the Camp Fire Girls, joined the Blue Birds, and continued Camp Fire membership through high school where she was one of the first to earn the Wohelo Medallion in the State of Maine. For five summers she was a counselor at Camp

Ketcha, the Camp Fire day camp. She enjoyed skiing and fishing.

September 2, 1979, on House Island in Casco Bay, she married Brent Wilson McLaughlin, who was born February 14, 1946, in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, the son of Lonzo G. and Myra (Draper) McLaughlin. He received a B.S. degree in engineering physics from the University of Maine in Orono in 1969. In October, 1969, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in Germany until May, 1972. He was employed by Oxford Paper Company, St. Regis Paper Company, and Boise Cascade in Rumford, Maine. In 1982 he became an engineering specialist for Arkwright-Boston Insurance, Waltham, Massachusetts. Brent shared all of Pam's outdoor interests, and they both were members of the First Church (United Church of Christ) in Nashua, New Hampshire. In 1982 they lived in Hudson, New Hampshire.

Children (9) McLAUGHLIN

- i. Benjamin Robert, b. Sept. 4, 1980, Lewiston, Maine
- ii. Patrick Coan, b. Sept. 2, 1981, Lewiston, Maine

Reference: Mrs. Brent W. McLaughlin, 8 Bruce Street, Hudson, NH 03051

DAVID KENNISTON FULTON⁸, son of Robert William and Ruth Alberta (Coan) Fulton, was born in Portland, Maine, October 25, 1949. At age 9 he took over a 60-customer morning paper route, which he carried for 8 years until he went to college. He was a member of Woodfords Congregational Church, and president of his Senior High Fellowship. In 1967 he was graduated from Deering High School where he lettered on the cross-country team and served as president of the Key Club. He played Babe Ruth baseball, and his team made the state championship finals. In 1971 he received a B.A. degree in psychology from Ohio Wesleyan University where he was a member of Student Government, Delta Tau Delta, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Society, and was Corps Commander of ROTC, receiving Distinguished Graduate status at commissioning. During the summers while he was in college, he was a recreation director for the City of Portland.

March 19, 1972, in Darien, Connecticut, he married Sharon Lee Julien, who was born March 21, 1950, in Weslaco, Texas, the daughter of Charles Donald and Margery (Tanner) Julien. They met at Ohio Wesleyan where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi and received a B.A. degree in home economics education in 1972. She taught home economics 1972-1974 at Rex Lake Academy and North High School, Akron, Ohio. David was awarded a J.D. degree in 1974 from the University of Akron School of Law where he was secretary both of the Student Council and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and in the National Order of Barristers (for outstanding contribution to



Robert MacGregor Fulton.



Family of Ruth Coan Fulton, 1981: (back) Robert M., David K. holding his son David, Jr. (Kenny), Robert W., Brent Wilson McLaughlin. (front) Darci Kay Fulton, Pamela Fulton McLaughlin holding her son Benjamin Robert, Ruth holding her grandson Patrick Coan McLaughlin, and Sharon Julien Fulton. Photo by Brent W. McLaughlin.



Anna Belle Coan



Alphonso W. Badger



*Alphonso W. Badger, Jr. and his
half-sister Gertrude Badger*

Moot Court). That same year he went on active duty with the United States Air Force as a captain to fulfill his ROTC commitment. He served four years and eleven months; one and a half years at Pease Air Force Base, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and the rest of the time at Royal Air Force, Alconbury, England. He received an Honorable Discharge December 3, 1979, his decorations including the meritorious service medal.

While he was in the Air Force, he went to Air University, Montgomery, Alabama, twice; attending Judge Advocate General School; and Squadron Officer School (one of six lawyers throughout the Air Force selected to attend this 637-man class). He and Sherry travelled to Spain, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Holland, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales during his tour in England.

March 1, 1980, he became associated with the Boynton, Waldron law firm in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In June of 1980 he and Sherry bought a home in Eliot, Maine. His affiliations included Ohio State Bar Association, New Hampshire State Bar Association, Maine State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Ohio, 1974; the United States Court of Military Appeals, 1975; the Federal and Supreme Court for New Hampshire, May, 1980; and the Federal and Supreme Court for Maine, October, 1980. He was a member of the Planning Board in Eliot, Maine, where he and Sherry were living with their two children in 1982.

Children (9) FULTON

- i. Darci Kay, b. Apr. 6, 1975, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
- ii. David Kenniston, Jr., b. Feb. 2, 1978, Cambridge, England

Reference: David K. Fulton, 38 Rollingwood, Eliot, ME 03903

ROBERT MacGREGOR FULTON⁸, son of Robert William and Ruth Alberta (Coan) Fulton, was born June 10, 1952, in Portland, Maine. At the age of 10 he suffered a broken elbow in a bicycling accident and afterwards was never able to completely straighten his left arm.

He attended the public schools of Portland and was graduated in 1970 from Deering High School where he was elected to the National Honor Society, served as president of that school's chapter of the Hi-Y, was editor of the Hi-Y Student Directory, and took part in the Thanksgiving play.

During the spring of his junior year at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, he was one of five chosen to represent the University in a college cooperative program at Duke University Marine Laboratory in Beaufort, North Carolina. After receiving his B.A. degree from Wittenberg in

1974, he took health science courses at the University of Southern Maine and Westbrook College in Portland, Maine. In February, 1976, he passed the American Society of Clinical Pathologists Histology Board of Registry (HT008190). He pursued further education in the field of management at the University of Southern Maine and the New School for Social Research in New York City.

His work experience began 1967-1970 as a morning paper boy for the Guy Gannett Publishing Company. During the summers of 1970 through 1974 he worked as a warehouseman and fork lift operator for Northeast Cold Storage Corporation in Portland. During the school year 1973-1974 he worked as librarian in the science branch of the Thomas Library at Wittenberg. In October, 1974, he went to work for Maine Medical Center in Portland as a histology technician. Early in 1977 he became supervisor of the Histology Laboratory at that Center. In January, 1980, he accepted the supervisory position of the Surgical Pathology Laboratories at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City, and in 1982 he resided in Manhattan. His professional memberships and responsibilities included:

American Society of Clinical Pathologists, 1976-
National Society for Histotechnology, Inc., 1975-
Maine Society for Histotechnology, 1975-1979
Editor of Newsletter, 1978-1979
Vice president, 1977-1979
Regional representative, 1977-1979
New York State Histotechnological Society, Inc., 1979-
New Jersey Society of Histotechnology, 1982-

Reference: Robert M. Fulton, 344 East 87th Street, Apt. 4B,
New York, NY 10028

ANNA BELLE⁶ COAN (Robert A.⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, February 27, 1867, daughter of Robert Abbott and Mary Elizabeth (Bartlett) Coan. She married Alphonso W. Badger and died as a result of childbirth at age 21, May 23, 1886, in Exeter, Maine. Anna Belle was buried in Exeter in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road.

Children (7) BADGER

- i. Alphonso W. Badger, Jr., who married Ivy A. Kew October 22, 1912.

ELEANOR SUSAN⁵ COAN (Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) daughter of Shubael and Susan (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, February 24, 1831. She married Benjamin Weeks who ran a livery stable in Orono. Eleanor died May 3, 1853,



(top left) Abbott Sanford Coan. (bottom left) Graves of Abbott and Arianna Dickey Coan, cemetery, Cider Hill Road, Exeter, Maine. Flag indicated service in Civil War. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton. (right) Nellie Estelle Weeks Spencer and Llewellyn T. Spencer.



Campus of the University of Maine, Orono, when Nellie Weeks, daughter of Benjamin and Eleanor Coan Weeks, attended. Photo taken in 1871. Courtesy Merritt Caldwell Fernald, History of the Maine State College and the University of Maine.



Maude S. Hersey



Sarah Sophia Coan Hersey

aged 22 years. She was buried in the Townhouse Cemetery in Exeter. On her tombstone is the following:

Thy peaceful step can know no dreaming
Thy soul's original wings are now at rest;
Though burning tears are freely streaming,
Thy spirit warbles with the best.

Children (6) WEEKS

i. Nellie Estelle

Reference: Directory Bangor, Brewer, Old Town, Orono (Bangor: Cannon & Co., 1903), p. 545.
Gravestone, Townhouse Cemetery, Exeter, Maine

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NELLIE ESTELLE WEEKS, daughter of Benjamin and Eleanor (Coan) Weeks, was the fourth woman to be graduated from the University of Maine in Orono. The first was Louise H. Ramsdell, Class of 1874; the second, Florence H. Cowan, Class of 1876; the third and fourth, Alicia T. Emery and Nellie E. Weeks, Class of 1877. The last two received the degree of B.S. in Science and Literature. The Class of '77 had seventeen members. At that time the population of the entire university was about one hundred. Between 1872 (when the first class of six was graduated) and 1900 there were thirty women in attendance.

Nellie became a teacher in Orono. She married Llewellyn T. Spencer, a wood, coal, and ice dealer in Orono. He was a selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor; as well as a weigher of hay and coal for the town.

Children (7) SPENCER

i. Hadley L.
ii. Frank W.

Reference: Dr. Ava H. Chadbourne, "Pioneering Co-Eds," Portland (Maine) Sunday Telegram, April 8, 1956, p. 2D.
Mitchell and Remick, comp., The Orono Register 1904 (Brunswick, Maine: H. E. Mitchell Pub. Co., 1904), p. 85.

ABBOTT⁵ COAN (Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), the son of Shubael and Susan (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, March 29, 1834. He married Arianna Horton Dickey, daughter of Samuel and Margaret Curtis Dickey of Monroe. His tombstone in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road in Exeter reads as follows:

Abbott Coan
 Capt. Co. A 12th
 Reg. Me. Vols.
 died in the service
 of his country
 May 17, A.D. 1863
 AE 29 yrs. 1 mo.
 "Dulce et decorum
 est pro patria more."

For facts on Abbott Coan's Civil War record, consult Albert Coan, son of Abraham and Mary (Abbott) Coan, in this chapter. Arianna died June 7, 1898, aged 55 years.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Percy, b. 1862; d. July 5, 1870

Reference: Gravestones, Cemetery, Cider Hill Road, Exeter, Maine

SHUBAEL SANFORD⁵ COAN (Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Shubael and Susan (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, November 18, 1836. He lived all his life on the farm where he was born. He married Martha M. Hill, who was born May 24, 1838, daughter of David F. Hill of Exeter. He died January 24, 1913, aged 76; Martha died March 5, 1894, aged 55. They were buried in Exeter in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Elizabeth E. Coan, b. Oct. 2, 1859
- ii. Abbott Sanford, b. Oct. 30, 1869

ELIZABETH E.⁶ COAN (Sanford⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of S. Sanford and Maria M. (Hill) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, October 2, 1859. The 1980 Federal Census of the State of Maine listed her as a dress-maker. She married Clarence E. Prescott and died at age 22 January 13, 1882.

Children (7) PRESCOTT

- i. Clarence Abbott

CLARENCE ABBOTT PRESCOTT⁷, son of Charles E. and Elizabeth E. (Coan) Prescott, married Alice Cunningham. He lived in Orono, Maine.

Children (8) PRESCOTT

- i. Audrey
- ii. Mae

ABBOTT² SANFORD⁶ COAN (S. Sanford⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of S. Sanford and Maria M. (Hill) Coan, was born October 30, 1869, in Exeter, Maine. He attended business college in Portland, Maine, and for several years was connected with the American Express Company in Bangor. In 1895 he went to Boston to work for the Boston Elevated Company and stayed with that company for 20 years. For the last 27 years of his life he was employed by the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company and its associate company, American Policyholders' Insurance.

He married Sarah Elizabeth Powers, daughter of Winslow Hill Powers of Stetson, Maine. They resided in Melrose, Massachusetts. He was a member of the Melrose Highlands Congregational Church, Mt. Hermon Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and the Mystic Royal Arch Chapter of Medford. He died in Melrose November 13, 1942. His funeral services were held at the church, and he was buried in Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Donald Winslow, b. Aug. 7, 1897

DONALD WINSLOW⁷ COAN⁶ (Abbott⁵ S., S. Sanford⁴, Shubael³, Elisha D.², Abraham¹, Peter¹), son of Abbott Sanford and Sarah E. (Powers) Coan, was born August 7, 1897. He married Edna Crosscup of Malden, Massachusetts, September 3, 1921. She was the daughter of Joshua C. and Dora (Hulsman) Crosscup. They lived in Reading.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Elizabeth Jane, b. ca. 1922
- ii. Barbara Dawn, b. ca. 1926

Reference: Marriages, 1921 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 34, p. 244.

ELIZABETH JANE⁸ COAN⁷ (Donald W.⁶, Abbott S.⁵, S. Sanford⁴, Shubael³, Elisha D.², Abraham¹, Peter¹) was born in Winchester, Massachusetts, about 1922, daughter of Donald Winslow and Edna (Crosscup) Coan. She was a secretary. On December 12, 1941, in the Unitarian Church in Reading she married Frederick Cleverley Morgan who was born about 1920 in Somerville, son of Frederick H. and Elizabeth (Kemegey) Morgan. He was an optician.

Reference: Marriages, 1941 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 104, p. 540.

BARBARA DAWN⁸ COAN (Donald W.⁷, Abbott S.⁶, S. Sanford⁵, Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Malden, Massachusetts, about 1926, the daughter of Donald Winslow and Edna (Crosscup) Coan. She was a clerk. On April 25, 1946, in the Unitarian Church in Reading she married Charles Andrew Moores, Jr., who was born in Malden about 1925, the son of Charles Andrew and Olive Mae (Gilson) Moores. He was in the insurance business.

Reference: Marriages, 1946 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 116, p. 242.

SARAH SOPHIA⁵ COAN (Shubael⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Shubael and Susan (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, December 28, 1841. She married John C. Hersey, who was a farmer and operated a carriage-making and repair shop in South Exeter.

Children (6) HERSEY

- i. Wilbur S.
- ii. Harvey L.
- iii. Lewis C.
- iv. Maude S.
- v. John
- vi. Leroy

Reference: Federal Censuses, 1880, 1890, Maine, Penobscot County, Exeter.

MAUDE S. HERSEY⁶, daughter of John C. and Sarah (Coan) Hersey, was born in South Exeter, Maine. She married Percy A. Smith, a lawyer. They lived in Fairfield, Maine.

Children (7) SMITH

- i. Marjorie E.

Reference: Mitchell and Davis, comp., The Fairfield Register 1904 (Kents Hill, Maine: H. E. Mitchell Publishing Company, 1904), p. 88.

ABRAHAM⁴ COAN (Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born at Penobscot (Castine), Maine, May 11, 1805, son of Elisha and Mary (Atkins) Coan. He and his brothers worked the family farm while their father, Captain Elisha, was away at sea.



*Graves of Abraham and his wife Mary Abbott Coan.
Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.*



*(center left) William B. Coan, Third Colonel
48th, N.Y.S. Vols. Courtesy A.J. Palmer,
Forty-Eighth Regiment, New York State
Volunteers. (center right) James Rae Simp-
son, husband of Julia Harriet Coan. Cour-
tesy Horace A. Wadsworth, comp., History
of Lawrence, Massachusetts. (bottom right)
The Constitution, "Old Ironsides," trans-
ported Captain Abbott Coan and Sergeant
Albert Coan with the 12th Regiment, Maine
Volunteers, during the Civil War.*



Part of the year when farm work permitted, he attended a public school until he was seventeen years old. During the War of 1812 the British occupied old Fort George, rebuilt and strengthened it. Abraham, who was then seven years old, took a great interest in the soldiers and became a fast friend of the chief musician who taught him to play the flute.

About 1820 the family moved to Exeter, Maine, and here Abraham met Mary Abbott, daughter of Robert and Sally (Gilman) Abbott recently come to Exeter from Mount Vernon, Maine. Mary was the sister of Susan Abbott who had married Abraham's brother Shubael. She was born in Rome, Maine, September 27, 1807. Marriage intentions of Abraham and Mary were published September 15, 1827. They were married in Exeter October 18, 1827.

On April 3, 1834, Abraham purchased from "the Trustees of the ministerial and School funds in the town of Exeter" the East half of Lot No. 11 in the 10th Range, bounded on the West by Ezekiel Leighton's land. For this land he paid \$233. Here he built a home for his family. Three of his sons, William, Albert, and Alonzo fought in the Civil War. Abraham died August 14, 1849, aged 44; Mary, his wife, died May 11, 1871, aged 63. They were buried in Exeter, in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Elisha, b. Feb. 22, 1828
- ii. William Bloomfield, b. Oct. 30, 1830
- iii. Julia Harriet, b. Jan. 15, 1833
- iv. Samuel Atkins, b. June 19, 1834
- v. Gilman Robert, b. Feb. 13, 1835
- vi. Albert, b. Oct. 2, 1840
- vii. Alonzo, b. June 6, 1842

Reference: "Exeter to Coan" Deeds (Office of Register of Deeds, Penobscot County, Maine), Vol. 74, p. 62.

ELISHA⁵ COAN (Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Abraham and Mary (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, February 22, 1828. He was 21 years old when his father died, the oldest of seven children. The youngest, Alonzo, just seven at that time, in later years wrote this about his brother Elisha: "He cared for his mother and acted as a father to the younger members of the family who never forgot his kindness and loving care." Elisha was married to Lucy A. _____ but had no children. He died July 9, 1881, in Exeter and was buried in the family lot in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road.

Reference: Federal Census of 1880, Maine, Penobscot County, Exeter.

WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD⁵ COAN (Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Abraham and Mary (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, October 30, 1830. He went from Maine to Boston, Massachusetts, when he was a young man and was employed as a clerk in the mercantile business. Here in 1854 he married Ada Lenora Hoyt, but several years later divorced her and never remarried.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he was in New York City, a partner in a restaurant on Chambers Street.

At the call of President Lincoln for volunteers to guard the capital, he joined the famous 7th New York Infantry, which was one of the first volunteer organizations to reach Washington, where they were quartered in the Capitol Building and did duty for three months in and about the city. In this organization he served as a non-commissioned officer.

At the expiration of three months his regiment was sent home to New York City where he recruited a company of volunteers for three years' service and was commissioned by the governor a Captain, and assigned to Company E, 48th New York Infantry, August 8, 1861. He served continuously throughout the War and was mustered out September 1, 1865, having attained the rank of Colonel through all the grades from a Captain, at times commanding a Brigade, also a Division. He participated in many of the battles of the War, notably the assault on Fort Wagner, Charlestown, South Carolina; and the assault and capture of Fort Fisher, Wilmington, North Carolina. (Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family)

He was wounded three times--once in the leg, once in the ear, and once in the scalp, the most serious.

Colonel Coan was brave in battle, honest in his dealings, liberal-hearted, unassuming, and quick in his sensibilities. He willfully wronged no man. His sense of honor was keen, and what he believed to be right, that he did. (48th Regiment, New York State Volunteers, A. J. Palmer)

After the war, William settled in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and went into the grocery business with his brother Albert. He was a member of Post 39, Grand Army of the Republic of Massachusetts. He died January 28, 1877.

Children (6) COAN

- i. William Albert, b. May 27, 1855

WILLIAM ALBERT⁶ COAN - See Chapter 6

JULIA HARRIET⁵ COAN (Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Abraham and Mary (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, January 15, 1833. In 1860 she married James Rae Simpson, who was born January 14, 1832, in Stanstead, Quebec, Canada. There he worked on a farm, attended common school and Wesleyan Academy. When he was 15, he was employed as a teacher. He went to Massachusetts in 1849 and eventually settled in Lawrence. He was a Mason, and he and Julia attended the Unitarian Church. He owned the mercantile firm of James R. Simpson & Co. In 1863 he was a member of the Common Council, and in 1878 was elected Mayor of the City of Lawrence. In this capacity he served three consecutive terms. He also was president of one of the leading banks.

Alonzo, Julia's youngest brother, wrote of his sister:

Julia was widely known for her goodness and charity and had a wide circle of acquaintances and friends in her home city and other communities. One of her well-known charities was the Lawrence Free Hospital for mill operatives which was founded through her efforts and always had her liberal support. She died May 6, 1906.

Children (6) SIMPSON

- i. Nellie M.
- ii. James E.

Reference: Horace A. Wadsworth, comp., History of Lawrence, Massachusetts (Lawrence, Mass.: Hammon Reed, 1880), opposite p. 64.

SAMUEL ATKINS⁵ COAN (Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, June 19, 1834, son of Abraham and Mary (Abbott) Coan.

He made his home largely on the farm where he was born. He was a student of literature, a man of wide information, but an invalid for many years. He never married and died April 10, 1870, aged 35 years. (Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family)

He was buried in the family plot in the cemetery on Cider Hill Road, Exeter.

GILMAN ROBERT⁵ COAN (Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, February 13, 1836, son of Abraham and Mary (Abbott) Coan. He left Exeter for Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he went into the grocery business. On October 21, 1860, in Lawrence he married Elizabeth A. Emery who was born in North Berwick, Maine, about 1834, the daughter

of William and Elizabeth Emery. The marriage was performed by the Reverend William L. Jenkins, a Unitarian minister. Gilman died in Lawrence of brain fever April 21, 1869, aged 33 years, 2 months, 7 days.

Children (6) COAN

i. Flora, died as a young woman unmarried

Reference: Marriages 1856-1860 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 135, p. 188.
Deaths 1866-1870, Vol. 220, p. 197.

ALBERT⁵ COAN (Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, October 2, 1840, son of Abraham and Mary (Abbott) Coan. He resided on the home farm until 1861 when he married Martha Burgess of Corinna, Maine. She was born July 8, 1842, the daughter of Crowell and Sarah Burgess.

On the breaking out of the war of the rebellion, he enlisted in Captain Abbott Coan's Company E, 12th Regiment, Maine Volunteers, which regiment was assigned to the New England Brigade, commanded by General (Judge) Shepley of Portland, Maine. The regiment sailed from Boston, Massachusetts, for Ship Island in the famous ship Constitution in January, 1862. Ship Island, in the Gulf of Mexico, was the rendezvous of an expedition to capture New Orleans. Encountering a storm off Cape Hatteras and the ship proving unseaworthy, they, after a serious experience, reached Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where on the beach without food or shelter they remained several days until other transports were sent to their relief and proceeded thence to Ship Island.

When Admiral Farragut's fleet sailed into the Mississippi to bombard Forts Jackson and St. Philip, the 12th Maine accompanied it on transports and during the bombardment were landed and sent through the swamps to the rear of St. Philip, Captain Abbott Coan's Company wading to their armpits in mud and water, pushing boats loaded with their arms and rations, and, when the Forts surrendered, it did good service in picking up prisoners who sought to escape by leaving the Forts after their capture by the navy.

The 12th Maine entered New Orleans with the victorious army on the 24th day of April, and took up their quarters in the U. S. Mint, but their rest was of short duration and Captain Coan's Company was at once dispatched to Lakeport, on Lake Foutchartrain, and there surprised a steamer just arrived from Mobile, capturing the vessel and entire crew. A short time

after, in a raid up the Jackson railroad, Captain Coan's Company, in early morning, surprised the camp of General Jeff Thompson, "the swamp fox of Louisiana," dispersed his command, killing several and taking others as prisoners. Captain Coan captured the sword and spurs of General Thompson which he had not time to put on when the attack was made.

The 12th Maine participated in General Wetezel's Campaign in the summer of 1862 and operated on the lower Mississippi during the following winter. Albert Coan served continuously with his command and was made a Sergeant in his Company for faithful and honorable service. During the winter of 1862-63, Captain Abbott Coan contracted fever, brought on by arduous service and died in a hospital at New Orleans.

Early in the following year, the 12th Maine with other troops proceeded to the rear of Port Hudson and took part in that memorable siege, resulting in its surrender on July 5, 1863, which, with the fall of Vicksburg the previous day, freed the Mississippi from rebel control. During the siege of Port Hudson, Sergeant Albert Coan was sent to look after a convalescent camp at Thibodeauxville, on the Bayou Lafouche. Here, early one morning, the camp was surprised by a cavalry force of General Kirby Smith's army that had entered Western Louisiana in an attempt to raise the siege of Port Hudson. Sergeant Coan rallied his command and made a stout resistance, but being greatly outnumbered was obliged to surrender as a prisoner of war. The Confederate command then moved with their prisoners to the junction of Bayou Lafouche and the Mississippi River where, during an assault upon the fort there situated, Sergeant Coan made his escape, and crossing the Mississippi in a "dugout" rejoined his command. In the summer of 1864, the 12th Maine were sent north and participated for a time in the operations of General Grant before Petersburg, Virginia, but were later sent to oppose General Early's Advance on Washington and under General Sheridan participated in the battles of Opequan, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. He served a full three years' term and at the end of that time received an honorable discharge. (Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family, pp. 7-9.

After the war Albert located in Lawrence, Massachusetts. His wife Martha had died during his first year with the army. Albert's brother William had located in Lawrence also so he and William went into business together. On December 15, 1866, in Middleton, Albert married second Clara A. Johnson who was born about 1846 in Andover, daughter of Gardner Johnson. They lived in Lawrence until Albert died on May 16, 1884.

Children (6) COAN by Martha

i. Abraham Simpson

by Clara

ii. Julia

iii. Samuel Gilman, died before reaching manhood

Reference: Marriages, 1866-1870 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.).

ABRAHAM SIMPSON⁶ COAN - See Chapter 6

JULIA M.⁶ COAN (Albert⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, daughter of Albert and Clara (Johnson) Coan. On January 1, 1890, in Lawrence, she married Alvah Locke, son of Samuel and Mary M. Locke. At the time of their marriage he was an electrician. He later became assistant paymaster of a manufacturing establishment in Lawrence.

Reference: Marriages 1890 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 406, p. 285.

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ALONZO COAN - See Chapter 6

NATHANIEL⁴ COAN (Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Elisha and Mary (Atkins) Coan, was born in Penobscot, Maine, in 1806. He and Mary P. Chapman were married in Exeter February 12, 1832, by Benjamin Evans, Justice of the Peace. Mary died October 6, 1833, aged 20. On May 2, 1836, the Reverend John A. Vinton married Nathaniel and Emily Haskell, who was born July 4, 1809, daughter of Thomas Leavitt and Orinda (Carpenter) Haskell of Hanover, New Hampshire. The marriage took place in Exeter, Maine. Emily died September 5, 1841, aged 30. May 21, 1842, Nathaniel married third Mary Ann Hooper of Castine.

In 1832 he purchased from his brother-in-law, James Hooper, Nathaniel's father's farm, which Elisha had sold the year before to James, husband of his daughter Hannah. Nathaniel was to assume the debt Elisha owed on the farm to Benjamin Joy. In this deed Nathaniel is listed as a housejoiner. Elisha lived the rest of his life with his son Nathaniel.

Mary Ann (Hooper) Coan died December 26, 1876, aged 66. Nathaniel died March 7, 1877, aged 71. He and his three wives were buried in Captain Elisha Coan's lot in the Townhouse Cemetery (Center Burial Ground) in Exeter.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Abigail C., b. 1833) Mary P.'s daughter
- ii. Mary Orinda, b. Mar. 14, 1837)
- iii. Emily Elizabeth, b. June 8, 1839) Emily's children
- iv. Joshua Elbridge, b. May, 1845)
- v. Charles Francis, b. Dec. 29, 1846) Mary Ann's
- vi. Eugene N., b. ca. 1849) children

Reference: Federal Census 1850, Maine, Penobscot County, Exeter.

Gravestones, Captain Elisha Coan lot, Townhouse Cemetery, Exeter, Maine.

Ulysses G. Haskell, "A Short Account of the Descendants of William Haskell of Gloucester, Mass.", Essex Institute Historical Collections, July-December, 1896, Vol. XXXII, p. 179.

"Hooper to Coan," Deeds (Office of Register of Deeds, Penobscot County, Bangor, Maine), Vol. 47, p. 200.

ABIGAIL C.⁵ COAN (Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in 1833. November 29, 1855, the marriage intentions of Abbey and James Oliver were published.

MARY ORINDA⁵ COAN (Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born March 14, 1837, the daughter of Nathaniel and Emily (Haskell) Coan. On July 4, 1863, in Exeter, Maine, she married the Reverend Samuel B. Andrews, who was born in Abbot, Maine, March 6, 1837, son of Samuel and Lucy (Cobb) Andrews. He was graduated from Bates College in 1862 and from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1868. June 20, 1868, he was ordained at Middlebury, New York, where he served as pastor until 1871. He was pastor in Attica, New York, 1871-1872; in Braintree, Massachusetts, Congregational Church from 1872-1875.

Mary Orinda died and he married second Elmira H. Emery, daughter of John and Mary (Atwood) Emery, December 25, 1875. Other churches of which he was pastor were Lanesville Church, Gloucester, Massachusetts; North End Mission Church, Boston; Phillipston, Lakeville, North Rochester, Chatham, West Granville, and Tolland, Massachusetts; Salem, Connecticut; and West Barnstable, Massachusetts, from 1907 until he died October 27, 1910.

Children (6) ANDREWS

- i. Infant son, d. Aug. 9, 1864, age 5 weeks, 3 days

Reference: The Congregational Year-Book, 1911 (Boston: The Fort Hill Press, 1911), pp. 9, 10.

Gravestone, Townhouse Cemetery, Exeter, Maine; Samuel Andrews lot

Haskell, "Descendants of William Haskell," Essex Institute Historical Collections, July-December, 1896, Vol. XXXII, p. 179.

EMILY ELIZABETH⁵ COAN (Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born June 8, 1839, daughter of Nathaniel and Emily (Haskell) Coan. She married _____ Blake, a fruit dealer of Boston, Massachusetts.

JOSHUA ELBRIDGE⁵ COAN (Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), was born in May, 1845, son of Nathaniel and Mary Ann (Hooper) Coan. He married Emma _____. They lived on a farm in Exeter, Maine. She died February 17, 1876, aged 33 and was buried in the Townhouse Cemetery (Center Burial Ground) in Exeter in Captain Elisha Coan's lot.

Joshua married second September 23, 1880, in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, Addie Ayer who was born in Robbinston, Maine, about 1852, the daughter of Merriner and Mary J. Ayer. At the time of his second marriage, Joshua was a fruit dealer and living in Hyde Park. His brother-in-law the Reverend S. B. Andrews performed the wedding ceremony.

Children (6) COAN

i. Frank, b. 1869

Reference: Marriages, 1880 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 317, p. 265.

CHARLES FRANCIS⁵ COAN (Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, December 29, 1846, the son of Nathaniel and Mary Ann (Hooper) Coan. He was married three times. The names of his first two wives were not known. On December 25, 1874, in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, he married his third wife, Alberta Caroline Rackliffe, who was born in Lincolnville, Maine, the daughter of Samuel and Julia Rackliffe. Charles at that time was a salesman.

He died in Taunton, Massachusetts, July 9, 1912. On his death certificate he was listed as a carpenter. Alberta died July 28, 1928, in Boston. They were buried in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

Children (6) COAN

i. Nettie Frances, b. ca. 1876, Hyde Park, Mass.
ii. Raymond Blake, b. ca. 1880, Hyde Park, Mass.

- iii. Aldana Edna, b. ca. 1883, Hyde Park, Mass.
- iv. Clarence, b. Jan. 7, 1887, Hyde Park, Mass.
- v. George F., b. Jan. 31, 1910, d. Feb. 19, 1910, aged 20 days, Hyde Park, Mass.

Reference: Federal Census 1850, Maine, Penobscot County, Exeter.

Births 1886-1890 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 377, p. 346.

Marriages 1874 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 263, p. 230.

Marriages 1902, Marriages 1904 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 526, p. 52; Vol. 548, p. 57.

Deaths 1910 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 53, p. 48.

NETTIE FRANCES⁶ COAN (Charles F.⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, about 1876, the daughter of Charles Francis and Alberta Caroline (Rackliffe) Coan. On June 23, 1902, she married William Henry Monarch, who was born in Salem about 1880, the son of Benjamin and Bessie (Anderson) Monarch. She was a stenographer, and he was a machinist.

Reference: Marriages 1902 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 526, p. 52.

RAYMOND BLAKE⁶ COAN (Charles F.⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, about 1880, the son of Charles Francis and Alberta Caroline (Rackliffe) Coan. On September 15, 1904, in Hyde Park he married Eldora Lombard, who was born in Sabattus, Maine. April 10, 1883, the daughter of Edmund and Matilda A. (Van Apps) Lombard. At the time of his marriage, Raymond's occupation was listed as foreman. Eldora died May 3, 1920. Raymond married second Margaret Wade. He died March 25, 1943. At the time of his death he resided in Stoughton, Massachusetts, and was foreman in a machine shop. He was buried in Dry Pond Cemetery, Stoughton.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Raymond Blake, Jr., b. Aug. 30, 1907

Reference: Deaths 1920, Deaths 1943, (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 15, p. 96; Vol. 90, p. 418.

Donald L. Jacobus and William H. Wood, The History of Woodstock, Connecticut (Worcester, Mass.: American Antiquarian Society, 1943), Vol. 5, p. 523.

Marriages, 1904 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 548, p. 57.

RAYMOND BLAKE⁷ COAN, JR. (Raymond B.⁶, Charles F.⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, August 30, 1907, the son of Raymond Blake and Eldora (Lombard) Coan. On February 20, 1929, in Stoughton, he married Alice Evelyn Gay, who was born in Stoughton July 19, 1910, the daughter of George Frank and Mary K. (Donahue) Gay.

Reference: Jacobus, History of Woodstock, Vol. 5, p. 523.

ALDANA EDNA⁶ COAN (Charles F.⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, about 1883, daughter of Charles Francis and Alberta Caroline (Rackliffe) Coan. On April 27, 1910, in Hyde Park she married Henry W. Pratt of Sebec, Maine, who was born about 1869, son of Warren and Harriet (Doore) Pratt. He was a machinist.

Reference: Marriages 1906-1910 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 546, p. 60.

EUGENE N.⁵ COAN (Nathaniel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Exeter, Maine, about 1849, the son of Nathaniel and Mary Ann (Hooper) Coan. On September 20, 1873, he married Nellie M. French of Exeter, the daughter of Eben and Hannah French. Eugene's brother-in-law, the Reverend S. B. Andrews, performed the ceremony in Hyde Park, Massachusetts. At that time Eugene was a salesman living in Hyde Park. Eugene married second Mary E. _____.

Children (6) COAN by Mary E.

- i. Alice May, b. Jan. 16, 1878; d. Aug. 19, 1878, Hyde Park, Mass., buried in Captain Elisha Coan's lot, Townhouse Cemetery, Exeter, Maine. Death date on stone is September instead of August as appears on death certificate.

Reference: Deaths 1878 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 302, p. 228.

Marriages 1873 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 263, p. 230.

HANNAH⁴ COAN (Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born at Penobscot, Maine, February 9, 1810, the daughter of Elisha Davis and Mary (Atkins) Coan. She married June 16, 1828,



Hannah Coan Hooper. Courtesy Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman.



James Hooper. Courtesy Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman.



Daughters of Hannah Coan Hooper: (left) Nettie Hooper and (right) Hannah Frances Hooper. courtesy Kim D. Knight from a daguerreotype belonging to Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman.



*Hannah Frances Hooper
Shepherd. Courtesy Mrs. E. C.
Zimmerman.*



*Isaiah Lord Shepherd. Courtesy
Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman.*



*Children of Hannah Hooper Shep-
herd; grandchildren of Hannah
Coan Hooper: (back) John Park-
hurst Shepherd, Mary Shepherd.
(front) Hannah Frances Shep-
herd, Owen Denis Shepherd,
Charles Shepherd. Courtesy Mrs.
E. C. Zimmerman.*

James Hooper, born 1806, the son of Joshua and Sally (Tarleton) Hooper. In 1831 Hannah's father Elisha sold to her husband "James Hooper of Frankfort in the County of Waldo cabinet maker" (Deed of sale) the family home in Exeter which Elisha had bought in 1822. The following year, 1832, James sold the property to Nathaniel, Elisha's son. Hannah and James moved to Castine where they remained for awhile, then to East Corinth, then back to Castine. He managed a tavern in Castine for many years; it was on the spot where the Acadian Hotel later stood.

James died in Castine July 9, 1858; Hannah died there July 20, 1872. They were both buried in the cemetery in Castine in a lot with their son Charles.

Children (5) HOOPER

- i. James Coan, b. Apr. 24, 1829
- ii. Elias Tarleton
- iii. Mary Ann, b. May 6, 1833
- iv. Frederic, b. Apr. 28, 1835; died in Civil War or from wounds received there
- v. Hannah Frances, b. Mar. 22, 1837
- vi. Henrietta
- vii. Charles Horace, b. Oct. 5, 1840
- viii. John, died in Civil War
- ix. Emma Augusta, b. Oct. 21, 1847
- x. Roland B.

Reference: "Coan to Hooper," Deeds (Office of Register of Deeds, Penobscot County, Bangor, Maine), Vol. 26, p. 178.

"Hooper to Coan," Deeds, Vol. 47, p. 200.

JAMES COAN HOOPER⁵, son of James and Hannah (Coan) Hooper, was born April 24, 1829. He married and resided at Brooklyn, New York, where he died.

Children (6) HOOPER

- i. Francis

ELIAS TARLETON HOOPER⁵, son of James and Hannah (Coan) Hooper, married Martha Ayers, daughter of Stacy and Hulda (Gardner) Ayers of Charlotte, Maine. They settled in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the days when Iowa was almost on the frontier.

Children (6) HOOPER

- i. Walter, lived in Cedar Rapids; one daughter, Ethel

- ii. Minnie, m. Eugene Billings
- iii. Charles, married; two children

MARY ANN HOOPER⁵, daughter of James and Hannah (Coan) Hooper was born May 6, 1833. She married _____ Denis and resided in San Francisco, California.

Children (6) DENIS

- i. Frances, m. Arthur Lockwood; no children

HANNAH FRANCES HOOPER⁵, daughter of James and Hannah (Coan) Hooper, was born March 22, 1837, in Corinth, Maine. She was always known as "Frank." She married November 6, 1860, Isaiah Lord Shepherd who was born in Castine December 19, 1832, the son of John and Louise Lord (Stover) Shepherd. He was a successful business man, of high standing in the community. Isaiah worked first as a clerk for William H. With-erbee and later as a member of the firm of Hooper and Shep-herd, grocers. He died December 8, 1891; Hannah died June 17, 1919, in Castine.

Children (6) SHEPHERD all born in Castine

- i. Edward I., a druggist in Butte, Montana; d. May, 1889; unmarried
- ii. John Parkhurst
- iii. Charles, b. 1870
- iv. Mary, b. 1868
- v. Hannah Frances, b. July 9, 1872
- vi. Owen Denis, b. July 20, 1874

Reference: Obituary clipping of Isaiah Shepherd from The New England Grocer, December, 1891 (Collection of Mrs. E. E. Zimmerman).

JOHN PARKHURST SHEPHERD⁶, son of Isaiah Lord and Hannah Frances (Hooper) Shepherd, married Myra Deasey of Prospect Harbor, Maine. He was connected with International Paper Company in Rumford Falls, Maine.

Children (7) SHEPHERD

- i. Dorothy, b. Sept. 14, 1896; m. William Sparrow; lived Washington, D.C.
- ii. Esther, b. Apr. 3, 1899; m. Frank Forbes Leith; lived Alpine, N.J.
- iii. Edward, b. Sept. 30, 1902; m. Minnie Mehlin



*Edward I. Shepherd. Courtesy
Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman.*



*Mary A. Shepherd. Courtesy Mrs.
E. C. Zimmerman.*



*Hannah Frances Shepherd
about 1874. Courtesy Mrs. E. C.
Zimmerman*

CHARLES SHEPHERD⁶, the son of Isaiah Lord and Hannah Frances (Hooper) Shepherd, was born in Castine, Maine, in 1870. On September 1, 1887, he and two of his friends, Frank Goodenow and Charles Anderson, were sailing the Goodenow yacht, Marie, out of Castine harbor. At that time the steamer City of Richmond was entering the harbor, and the boys sailed too close to the steamer so that when they tacked, the wind left their sails. In spite of the Richmond's changing course, she struck the yacht and sank her instantly. The boys jumped overboard. Charles Shepherd was the best swimmer of the three and was seen swimming on his back by passengers on the steamer. He suddenly disappeared. The other two boys were picked up by boats lowered by the Richmond, but there was no trace of Charles. No one knows what happened, but it is believed he must have been struck by the paddles of the steamer or by some part of the yacht as it went down. Charles's mother was standing at the window of their home and saw the whole accident. The entire town was affected by the tragedy, and Mr. Locke, minister of the church Charles and his family attended, devoted his sermon the next Sunday to the accident. Charles was a member of his Sunday School class.

Reference: Newspaper clipping from collection of Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman.

HANNAH FRANCES SHEPHERD⁶, the daughter of Isaiah Lord and Hannah Frances (Hooper) Shepherd, was born July 9, 1872, in Castine, Maine. She was graduated from Castine High School in 1890 and from Castine Normal School in 1894. From 1894 until 1897 she was assistant to the principal of Castine High School; 1897-1899 she was principal. From September, 1899, until March, 1906, she taught the fifth grade at Mason Grammar School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts. She then returned to Castine to teach in Castine Grammar School.

June 26, 1907, in Castine, she married Fred Darwin Bond of Newton Centre. He was born in Watertown, Massachusetts, May 21, 1870, the son of Daniel Darwin and Ellen Louisa (Stone) Bond. He was graduated from Newton High School in 1889 and worked as a salesman for Farley-Harvey Drygoods Company in Boston. In 1914 he started his own business, Bond's Convenience Shop, in Newton Centre; but he continued with Farley-Harvey until 1924 when the Newton Centre store demanded his full attention. In 1950 he sold this business.

Hannah was a member of the Newton Centre Unitarian Church where she taught Sunday School and was treasurer of the Alliance for over 25 years. She also belonged to the Newton Centre Women's Club, the Newton Centre Garden Club, and the Newton Republican Club. Fred was a member of the Unitarian Church, the Newton Constabulary from 1917 until 1918, the Rotary Club, and the Newton Centre Chamber of Commerce which he served as president from 1937 until 1941.

Fred died November 23, 1957; Hannah, October 22, 1967.

Children (7) BOND

- i. Mary Shepherd, b. July 11, 1908
- ii. Hannah Louise, b. July 22, 1910

Reference: Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman, Cooimbil Farm, Via Yass
N.S.W. 2582, Australia

MARY SHEPHERD BOND⁷, the daughter of Fred Darwin and Hannah Frances (Shepherd) Bond, was born in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, July 11, 1908. In 1929 she received a B.S. degree in physical education from Connecticut College for Women. She was a physical education teacher at Miss Sayward's School for Girls, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Hanoum Camp, Thetford, Vermont; and Weeks Junior High School, Newton Centre. She was a member of the Newton Centre Unitarian Church.

May 20, 1939, in Newton Centre she married Rodney Norton Blake, who was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, February 10, 1907, the son of Dr. Harrison Gray and Lizzie Batchelder (Dodge) Blake. Rodney was graduated from Thetford Academy, Thetford, Vermont, and 1926-1927 attended Northeastern University where he studied mechanical engineering. He was a tool and die maker and production coordinator for Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory.

In 1962 Mary was found to have multiple sclerosis. In 1968 she went into a nursing home. In 1977 she and Rodney were divorced. In 1982 she lived in West Stewartstown, New Hampshire.

Children (8) BLAKE

- i. Barbara, b. July 5, 1940
- ii. Patricia, b. Dec. 18, 1942
- iii. Rodney Norton, Jr., b. Feb. 8, 1945

Reference: Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman.

BARBARA BLAKE⁸, the daughter of Rodney Norton and Mary Shepherd (Bond) Blake, was born in Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts, July 3, 1940. She worked as a billing clerk for North Suffolk Mental Health Association, Freedom Trail Clinic, Erich Lindeman Health Center, Government Center, Boston. September 15, 1962, in Newton Centre she married Joseph G. Cancellieri, who was born in Boston June 15, 1938, the son of Joseph G. and Blanche F. (Hitrusko) Cancellieri.

Barbara's hobbies were birding, volley ball, and gardening. Joseph served in the United States Marine Corps 1956-1958. He was office engineer for the city of Newton.



*Hannah Frances Shepherd Bond.
Courtesy Mrs. E.C. Zimmerman.*



*Hannah Louise Bond and Mary
Shepherd Bond. Courtesy Mrs. E.
C. Zimmerman.*



*Castine Pageant, 1920—Fred Darwin Bond, officer. Courtesy Mrs. E.
C. Zimmerman.*



Mary Shepherd Bond



Hannah Louise Bond



*Hannah Louise Bond Zimmerman and Elwood Curtin
Zimmerman*

Children (9) CANCELLIERI

- i. Andrew Bond, b. Mar. 15, 1964, Boston, Mass.
- ii. Christopher John, b. Aug. 19, 1965, Boston, Mass.

Reference: Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman.

PATRICIA BLAKE⁸, the daughter of Rodney Norton and Mary Shepherd (Bond) Blake, was born in Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts, December 18, 1942. She attended Pierce Secretarial School for one year and then was employed as a secretary by South Middlesex Regional Vocational School, Framingham. April 29, 1961, in Natick, Massachusetts, she married Christy P. Adams, who was born in Framingham September 17, 1941, the son of Harry James and Christine (Tassey) Adams. He was business manager for the Ashland Public Schools, Ashland, Massachusetts.

Children (9) ADAMS

- i. Christopher James, b. Oct. 13, 1961, Natick, Mass.; he was educated at Boston University and Framingham State College
- ii. Sandra Lyn, b. Oct. 6, 1964, Natick, Mass.

Reference: Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman

RODNEY NORTON BLAKE, JR.⁸, the son of Rodney Norton and Mary Shepherd (Bond) Blake, was born in Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts, February 8, 1945. March 14, 1970, in Billerica he married Catherine Alice Livingston, who was born in Lowell October 12, 1947, the daughter of George Francis and Catherine Alice (McGovern) Livingston. She was graduated from Lowell State College with a B.S. degree in elementary education. In 1982 she worked for Raytheon Corporation. Rodney served briefly in the United States Navy and was employed as a raw stock attendant by Raytheon in Bedford. His hobbies were birding and record collecting.

Children (9) BLAKE

- i. George Livingston, b. Aug. 30, 1972, Lowell, Mass.
- ii. Rodney Norton III, b. Sept. 24, 1975, Woburn, Mass.
- iii. Catherine Alice, b. Aug. 18, 1978, Woburn, Mass. (First son stillborn June, 1971)

Reference: Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman

HANNAH LOUISE BOND⁷, the daughter of Fred Darwin and Hannah Frances (Shepherd) Bond, was born in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, July 22, 1910. In 1932 she was graduated from

Bradford Junior College (now Bradford College), Bradford, Massachusetts, and then went to Exeter Art School. She was employed by F. D. Bond & Company, Newton Centre, as a salesgirl and billing clerk. After her marriage, she was employed by Babyland in Honolulu, Hawaii, as a salesgirl; by Grossman-Moody, Ltd., Honolulu, as a salesgirl and stock clerk; and by Honolulu Book Shops, Honolulu, as a salesgirl and stock clerk.

October 11, 1941, in Newton Centre she married Elwood Curtin Zimmerman, who was born December 8, 1912, in Spokane, Washington, the son of Ernest Walter and Ethel Beatrice (Lingle) Zimmerman. Elwood was graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a B.S. degree in 1936; Imperial College, University of London where he received Ph.D., D.I.C., and D.Sc. degrees. He was employed as an entomologist by the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii; the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Sugar Planters' Association Experiment Station; Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Organization, Canberra, Australia. During World War II he was exempt from military service because of his knowledge of and experience in the South Pacific entomology, which was of value to the military.

Hannah was a member of the Unitarian Church, Newton Centre; the Bradford College Alumni Association; Castine Scientific Society, Castine, Maine; Embroiderer's Guild of the Australian Capital Territory; and the YWCA, Canberra. Elwood belonged to the Linnean Society; Royal Entomological Society; Ray Society; Zoological Society, London; Hawaiian Entomological Society; Hawaiian Botanical Society, Honolulu; and the Australian Entomological Society. Both he and Hannah were members of the Friends of the California Academy of Sciences. Elwood was a deputy in the Murrumbateman Bush Fire Brigade. His publications included Insects of Hawaii, I-IX and numerous papers. Before finishing his University education, he had the unique opportunity to join the Bishop's Museum's Mangarevan Expedition in 1934. He later arranged for a classmate to take over his job at the museum so he could finish his course at the University. He went on expeditions to Samoa and to Fiji.

In 1949 Elwood received the Friends of the Library (Honolulu) Literary Award for Volumes I-V of Insects of Hawaii. Also in 1949 he received a Fulbright Scholarship and grants from the National Science Foundation for research at the British Museum (Natural History) London, where, during 1949-1973, a total of almost nine years was spent in research.

In 1982 Hannah and Elwood lived at Cooinbill Farm, Yass, Australia.

Reference: Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman

OWEN DENIS SHEPHERD⁶, son of Isaiah L. and Hannah Frances (Hooper) Shepherd, was born July 20, 1874, in Castine,

Maine. In October, 1899, he married Grace Hall, daughter of Arthur Tappan and Annie (Bowers) Hall of Portland, Maine. He was treasurer of International Paper Company of New York and lived in Connecticut.

Children (7) SHEPHERD

- i. Hall, b. July 7, 1900
- ii. Hannah Coan, b. Sept. 2, 1902; ; m. 1st Evans Norcross, Aug. 22, 1922; children: Evans, Jr.; Susan; m. 2nd Hamilton Slaight
- iii. Owen, b. Sept. 4, 1904; m. Doris Bean, Sept. 24, 1927
- iv. Calvin Neally, b. Oct. 1, 1906; m. Dorothea Sutherland, May 19, 1928; one child, Patricia

HENRIETTA HOOPER⁵, daughter of James and Hannah (Coan) Hooper, married Augustus Westcott of Castine, Maine, and settled in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Children (6) WESCOTT

- i. Gertrude, teacher in the high school in Cedar Rapids
- ii. Nellie, m. John U. Plank, a jeweler for many years in Iowa City, Iowa; moved to Salem, Oregon; one son, Herbert
- iii. Harry, married with five children; moved back to Castine, Maine

CHARLES HORACE HOOPER⁵, son of James and Hannah (Coan) Hooper, was born October 5, 1840. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and upon his return to Castine he went into business. He married Abigail F. Shepherd, half sister to Isaiah Shepherd who married Hannah Frances Hooper, Charles's sister. He resided practically all of his life in Castine where he was a very prominent citizen. At one time he was associated with his brother-in-law in the grocery firm of Hooper and Shepherd. Later he went into the real estate and insurance business and was appointed postmaster. He was a man of sound judgment and a great worker for the Unitarian Church as well as for the many societies of which he was a member. He was prominent in politics, a strong Republican, and served several terms in the Maine State Legislature. Charles died September 6, 1912; Abbie died in 1919. They were buried in Castine.

Children (6) HOOPER

- i. Agnes Tarleton, d. unmarried Aug., 1913
- ii. Martha Nelson, b. 1871

- iii. Fred W., m. Lurline Wheelock; lived at Milbury, Mass.; one son, Frederic, who lived in Pacific Palisades, California
- iv. James Freeman, m. Ella Small; lived in Providence, R.I.; no children

Reference: George Augustus Wheeler, History of Castine, Maine (Bangor: Burr & Robinson, 1875), p. 418.
Mrs. E. C. Zimmerman

MARTHA NELSON HOOPER⁶, daughter of Charles Horace and Abigail (Shepherd) Hooper, was born in Castine in 1871. She married Samuel Whitney and lived in Portland.

Children (7) WHITNEY

- i. Charles Ammi, m. Dorothy Scholes Foss; lived in Portland; had two daughters: Alice, m. Leo Carter; one daughter, Susan Kate and one son, Whitney Alan; Nancy, m. Robert Boyer: one daughter, Karen Whitney and one son, Douglas Robert
- ii. Emily Frances, m. Reverend Jack Edward Elliot; had three children: Martha, Gordon, Samuel who married Sara Jane McDonald, daughter of Daniel C. and Mary Louise (Walker) McDonald; four children: Emily Louise, Karin Vaud, Liesl, Bruce Edward.

Reference: Mrs. Charles A. Whitney, 25 Martin Road, Portland, ME 04103.

EMMA AUGUSTA HOOPER⁵, daughter of James and Hannah (Coan) Hooper, was born at East Corinth, Maine, October 21, 1847. She attended Eastern State Normal School in Castine and taught in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Charlotte, Maine. She married May 27, 1871, Edwin E. Fisher of Charlotte, the son of Enoch and Mary (Woodworth) Fisher. He was a member of one of the pioneer families who carved their homes out of the wilderness that had been known as Plantation #3. In the early 1800s this region was infested with bears and wolves which the settlers had to fight as they tried to make a living from the soil.

Edwin was a farmer, trader, and the postmaster from 1886 until 1900. He held many town offices during his lifetime. At his death August 28, 1923, he had held the office of town clerk for almost 25 years. Emma met him when she went to the town of Charlotte in 1870 as a teacher in one of the district schools. She became one of the best loved women in the community. To all the younger people she was "Auntie" or "Auntie Hooper." She died at the early age of 55 on March 18, 1903.

Children (6) FISHER

- i. Myrtie Emma, b. Aug. 27, 1872
- ii. Minnie May, b. Jan. 6, 1874; d. Sept., 1896, unmarried
- iii. Mabel Roxanna, b. Oct. 2, 1883; m. July 1, 1911, Robert Duncan Malcolm of Cambridge, Mass. They lived in Bradford, Mass. No children.

MYRTIE EMMA FISHER⁶, daughter of Edwin E. and Emma Augusta (Hooper) Fisher, was born August 27, 1872. She was graduated from Castine Normal School, Castine, Maine, in 1891. She went to Haverhill, Massachusetts, and married November 27, 1900, Sydney Horace Batchelder, the son of Horace Jackson and Helen Adeline (Merrill) Batchelder of Amesbury. He died May 13, 1902. Myrtie married second Charles Edward Seaverns on October 14, 1908. He was the son of Edward and Mary Isabel (Eames) Seaverns of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Myrtie was very active in community affairs. Her interest in politics led her to be a member of the Republican City Committee in Melrose. However, her greatest interest was in genealogy, and her research on the Coans was extensive so that Frederick Adams Virkus in his Handbook of American Genealogy (Institute of American Genealogy, 1932), Vol. 1, p. 246, listed her as an authority on Coan as well as on eight other family names. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Colonists, and a life member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Number 1842; General Number 5485. She died in 1975.

Children (7) BATCHELDER

- i. Sydney Horace Batchelder, Jr., b. Jan. 15, 1902

SEAVERNs

- ii. Helen Fisher, b. Sept. 21, 1913

SYDNEY HORACE BATCHELDER, JR.⁷, the son of Sydney Horace and Myrtie Emma (Fisher) Batchelder, was born January 15, 1902, in Haverhill, Massachusetts. He was graduated from Dartmouth College, Class of 1925. On July 31, 1926, he married Miriam Simpson, daughter of Herbert and Charlotte (Lufkin) Simpson, (his first wife), of Melrose, Massachusetts. They lived at Langdon, New Hampshire.

Children (8) BATCHELDER

- i. Helen Lorraine, b. Apr. 28, 1927
- ii. Sydney Horace III, b. Mar. 4, 1930

HELEN FISHER SEAVERN⁷, daughter of Charles Edward and Myrtie Emma (Fisher) Batchelder Seaverns, was born September 21, 1913, in Melrose, Massachusetts. In 1933 she was graduated from the two-year program at Gorham Normal School (University of Southern Maine). May 22, 1937, in Melrose, Massachusetts, she married Robert William Melvin, who was born in Georgetown, Massachusetts, November 1, 1911, the son of Robert Levi and Mabel (Eisnor) Melvin. He was educated at the University of Tennessee and was a tree surgeon and landscape expert. In World War II he served from 1942 to 1945 in the United States Army Air Force. Helen taught school for 17 years in Hanover, Massachusetts. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Retired Teachers' Association, and the Eastern Star. In 1982 they lived in Marshfield, Massachusetts.

Children (8) MELVIN

- i. Robert Charles, b. May 10, 1939, Weymouth, Mass.; married with three children; oil burner technician, Marshfield

Reference: Mrs. Robert L. Melvin, Box 1127, 12 Brewster Road, Marshfield, Massachusetts 02050

ROLAND HOOPER⁵, youngest child of James and Hannah (Coan) Hooper, married Jennie Lidston. They lived for many years in Deering Centre, a suburb of Portland, Maine.

Children (6) HOOPER

- i. Arthur
- ii. Grace
- iii. Clarence, died in boyhood

EMELINE⁴ COAN (Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Penobscot (later Castine), Maine, in 1812, the daughter of Elisha Davis and Mary (Atkins) Coan. She married Ira Jacobs of Springfield, Massachusetts, July 26, 1828, in Exeter, Maine. He was a merchant and one time postmaster of Springfield. Emeline died September 12, 1841, aged 29, and was buried in the Center Burial Ground in Exeter. Beside her is her daughter Mary, aged 13, who died just 18 days after her mother.

Children (5) JACOBS

- i. Mary C., d. Sept. 30, 1841
- ii. Alonzo S.

Reference: Gravestone, Townhouse Cemetery, Exeter, Maine.



Home of Charles Horace Hooper, son of Hannah Coan Hooper. Courtesy George Augustus Wheeler, Castine Past and Present.



Myrtie Fisher Batchelder Seaverns, a Coan genealogist, granddaughter of Hannah Coan Hooper.



Gravestone of Samuel Coan, youngest child of Captain Elisha Coan, Townhouse Cemetery, Exeter, Maine. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.



The Reverend Leander Samuel Coan



Elisha Skinner Coan in Civil War. Courtesy Bowdoin College.

SAMUEL⁴ COAN (Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Castine, Maine, December 7, 1813, the son of Captain Elisha Davis and Mary (Atkins) Coan. When Samuel was about six years old, he moved with the family to Exeter. December 1, 1833, in Exeter he married Hannah Morse Skinner, daughter of Alfred Skinner. They lived in Exeter until about 1853 when they moved to Garland where he was a farmer and a deacon of the church. Hannah's ancestors traced their lineage to the Pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower. She died in Garland March 25, 1857, aged 41 years, 6 months, 13 days.

Samuel married second Hannah's sister, Ann Sophia Skinner, on March 20, 1858. According to the Federal Census 1860, Maine, Penobscot County, Garland, Samuel's real estate was worth \$700; his personal property was valued at \$180. Ann died July 17, 1884, aged 71 years, 2 months, 14 days. Samuel died March 26, 1887, aged 73 years, 3 months, 19 days. Samuel, Hannah, and Ann were buried in the Townhouse Cemetery in Exeter along with Samuel's children Clara S. and Hannah A.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Leander Samuel, b. Nov. 17, 1837
- ii. Hannah A., d. Oct. 1, 1841, aged 9 months
- iii. Elisha Skinner, b. Jan. 24, 1843
- iv. Adelaide
- v. Frederick Charles, b. Jan. 31, 1846
- vi. Clara S., d. May 20, 1865, aged 17 years, 1 month, 8 days
- vii. Alfred S., clerk in Bangor (Bangor City Directory 1869-1870)
- viii. Mary A., teacher (Federal Census 1870, Maine, Penobscot County, Garland)

Reference: History of Penobscot County, Maine (Cleveland : Williams, Chase & Co., 1882), p. 355.

LEANDER SAMUEL⁵ COAN (Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Samuel and Hannah (Skinner) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, November 17, 1837. He married July 3, 1860, Faustina M. Knowlton, daughter of Abraham and Beatrice (Whiting) Knowlton. About this time--1859 and 1860--he was pastor of Methodist churches in Northport and Pittston. Faustina died December 30, 1866. He married second July 26, 1867, Martha J. Wilkins, who was born in Albion, Maine, in 1838, daughter of Dr. Isaac C. and Mary Jane (Brown) Wilkins of Brownville. Martha was educated in the Brownville public schools. She was a teacher of physical culture in the schools of Houlton, Eastport, Machias, and Calais, Maine, as well as St. Stephens, New Brunswick. She was a member of the Congregational Church in Alton, New Hampshire, where she taught Sunday School. She also belonged to the Woman's Relief Corps of Dover, New Hampshire.

For a complete account of Leander's life there follows his biography written by his brother, Dr. Elisha Coan, for Better In The Mornin', Leander's book of Old Corporal poems:

His parents, belonging to the humbler walks of life, were by no means lacking in intelligence, and they sought to give their children that which would stand them in hand better than the wealth which they could not bestow,--an education and an honest name. His early life was spent in the common and high schools of the towns of Exeter and Garland.

At a very early age he showed a strong inclination to become a preacher, and while yet very young would return from church and preach the sermon he had heard over again to his parents and relatives; going through the whole sermon with great solemnity, using his own words, however, but words very apt and accurate to the subject.

Later on in life he fell in with associates who were believers in liberal doctrines, and for a time he was afloat upon the sea of scepticism and doubt. At the age of twenty, while engaged in teaching at Brewer Village, Maine, he experienced a sudden radical change in his views upon religion, and became a working, sterling Christian. A few months previous to this change he had settled upon the law as his profession, and went to Bangor to study with Ex-Governor Kent; but, finding himself deficient in some of the languages, decided to take private instructions in them and teach school for a while. His conversion, like Paul's, made a complete revolution in his life, and he soon determined to preach the "Gospel of the Blessed Master."

Finishing his theological studies, he was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Bangor, Maine, in the summer of 1862. Supplying the Congregational Church at Amherst, Maine, until the summer of 1863, he was ordained over that church and remained until the spring of 1864, when he spent his vacation in Cohasset, Mass. In August, 1864, his long pent-up patriotism burst the bounds that had confined him, and he enlisted as a private in the Sixty-first Massachusetts Volunteers, with the promise that, when the battalion of six companies was increased to a full regiment, entitling them to a chaplain, he should have that position. Meantime he acted as chaplain for his battalion, and as the war drew near its close, and no more men were required, his regiment was never filled, and consequently he was not commissioned chaplain. After the war he preached at Boothbay, Me., three years, Brownville, Me., three years, Bradford, Me., six months, Somerset and Fall River, Mass., about three years, and Alton, N.H., about five years. He began to write verses not far from 1860, and about the first piece was entitled "Change the Fig-

ures." "The Reply of Night" and "Morning in Spring-time" were written not far from this time.

The last piece of the "Old Corporal Series" was written a few days before the State election in Maine, which took place September 8, 1879. The piece entitled "Fall In." I think, if he had been spared until the present writing, January 15, 1880, that the Old Corporal's wooden leg would have come down with more "vicious vim" than when he heard of Hill's speech in Congress.

I can do no better than to quote the first part of an obituary in the editorial columns of the "Independent Statesman," published at Concord, N.H., a short time after his death. The lyric referred to was the "Soldier's Farewell," and was his last effort.

DEATH OF REV. LEANDER S. COAN

"By a postal card, thoughtfully forwarded by Commander C. J. Richards, Past Commander, Department of New Hampshire Grand Army of the Republic, we have received the sorrowful intelligence of the death, on Wednesday morning, at his residence in Alton, of Rev. Leander S. Coan, better known to our readers as the author of the Old Corporal Ballads, most of which were first given to the public in these columns. Although he was known to have been for some time in poor health, and latterly quite ill, his friends at a distance were totally unprepared to hear of his demise. In the prime of life, and apparently of a rugged constitution, being compactly built, with broad shoulders, large, well-poised head and a ruddy countenance, beaming always with good nature, he seemed destined to a long life.

Only a few days since--September 16--we received a note from him, enclosing the poem which we published last week, entitled 'The Soldier's Farewell,' which is so characteristic of the man and the true soldier of the Union and of the Cross, that we give it here verbatim:--

"'Friend Stevens: Please find a little lyric enclosed. I would rather have my name at the foot of the piece than over it, so have erased it there.

Was sick in bed and couldn't get to Manchester. Guess I will die, but will die game. Yours, PARSON.'"

He had been out of health for nearly a year, but his physicians had not thought his case a critical one; consequently his death came with a terrible suddenness to his friends and relatives. His funeral occurred September 27th, in the church he had labored in for five years, conducted by the Masons, of which order he was an enthusiastic member. The ceremony was very impressive, especially that at the grave, when the whispering

pinetrees in the background and the mellow autumn sunlight softened the senses and hallowed the spot forever to some of us. I wish to add my tribute to his memory here on these pages. I must confess that I was never so enthusiastic in regard to his writings as he wished me to be, and I will only say in excuse that I never saw his sweetest songs until after he had been transferred to the Grand Army beyond the River. As I was perusing some of the gems contained in this volume, I chanced to take up the Gospel Hymns No. 2, and read these lines,--

'Strange we never prize the music
Till the sweet-voiced bird is flown.'

I would have given worlds if I had had then at my command at that moment to have had him back with us just for one hour.

E. S. COAN, M.D.

Garland, January 15, 1880."

The poem that follows is from Leander's book of ballads, Better In The Mornin'. It is about the Civil War Old Corporal and seems fitting for this genealogy.

THE OLD CORPORAL'S MITE.

There's a dollar, parson,
An' I want to have it go
For the forefather's monument,
Which seems to be risin' slow.
The year that I enlisted
I tried to get down to the place,
To see where they landed and wintered,
For I belong to their race.

But I couldn't get a furlough
To run down, not for a day'
An' somehow it slipped my memory
After I marched away.
An' so many things have happened,
The losin' uv my leg,
An' stumpin' around these many years
On this ere wooden peg,--

I somehow forgot they were buildin'
A monument down there,
So I never yet have given
What I may call my share.
We can't afford to forget them!
It will pay us well to build

In memory uv the fathers who
Gave us the soil we've tilled.

An' they gave us a slight more, parson,
Ef our eyes were open to see!
They died a-foundin' a nation,
Ez we fought to keep it free.
When I think uv their freezin' in winter,
An' starvin' when crops were poor,
An' fightin' the savage Indians,
An' the fate that seemed so sure.

Standin' there, bold an' unflinchin',
Ez firm ez their Plymouth Rock,
Pestilence thinnin' the number
Uv the little undaunted flock;
Or think uv their places of worship,
Uv the hardships they underwent,
I think we have good reason
To thank them, an' be content.

An' I just feel ashamed to murmur,
Ez I'm sometimes tempted to do,
When I think uv what they suffered,
An' what they all went through.
Where would be Yale or Harvard,
An' the shaft at Bunker Hill,
Ef they had been lacking in conscience,
Or muscle, or pluck, or will?

Ef they'd lacked religi'n an' learnin',
I've been askin myself uv late,
Could they have planned a Nation,
Or planted the seed uv a State?
Where would be Boston 'n Chicago,
Ef they had failed to stand?
An' where the flag that's floatin'
In peace over all the land?

Each year we give for monuments,
For far less deserving men;
Fly buntin' an' burn powder
On Fourth of July, an' then
Complete, but only on paper,
A monumental plan,
For the man who died a foundin'
A Race, on the Rights uv Man.

An' I won't neglect it longer,
So here's the dollar for me;
I'll stump round 'n' earn another,
For those who kept it free!
I can save for such noble offerings,

Ef I do wear a wooden leg;
Ef all felt this ez they ought to
The cause wouldn't have to beg.

So accept the old corporal's offering,
For the monument on the shore,
Where now as when they landed
Atlantic surges roar.
And while the sun shines or storm-clouds
Shall darken our changing skies,
May it stand complete and sacred
In other Pilgrim eyes.

And loyal to conscience and duty,
May they tread the hallowed sod,
Where rests the dust of heroes,
Freemen and men of God.
May we keep alive the lessons
Their lives and valor teach,
So long as our race has being,
And freedom of thought and speech.

Leander died in Alton, New Hampshire, September 24, 1879. His wife Martha died in 1925. They were both buried in Alton.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Clara M., b. 1861
- ii. Leander K., b. 1863
- iii. Fred Leon, b. Nov. 8, 1870 Brownville, Me.; d. Nov. 8, 1873, Fall River, Mass.
- iv. Alice, b. Sept. 28, 1875
- v. Jessie Blanche, b. June 8, 1877, Alton, N.H.; d. June 7, 1885, Farmington, N.H.

Reference: Archives, Library, Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine.

Leander S. Coan, Better In The Mornin' (Great Falls, N.Y.: Edward G. Lord and Company, 1880), p. 27.
Congregational Year-Book, 1880 (Boston: Congregational Publishing Society, 1880), p. 16.

William Richard Cutter, New England Families, Third Series (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1915), Vol. I, p. 194.

Federal Census 1870, Maine, Piscataquis County, Brownville.

Gravestones, Cemetery, Alton, N.H.

ALICE⁶ COAN (Leander S.⁵, Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Alton, New Hampshire, September 28, 1875, the daughter of Leander Samuel and Martha J. (Wilkins) Coan.



(top left) Dr. Elisha Skinner Coan. (top right) Marion Sadie Coan. Courtesy The Bates College Alumnus, Vol. 3, No. 3, March, 1923. (center left) Richard Newton Coan. Courtesy The Scarlet Letter, Class of 1932, Rutgers University. (center right) William Freethy Coan. Courtesy Nassau Herald, Class of 1929, Princeton University. (bottom left) William Frederick Coan. Courtesy Bowdoin College.

She married Fred K. Wentworth of Somersworth, New Hampshire, treasurer of the Somersworth Savings Bank. Alice died at Somersworth June 11, 1904.

Children (7) WENTWORTH

- i. Gordon Coan, b. June 4, 1904, Somersworth, N.H.

Reference: Cutter, New England Families, p. 194.

ELISHA SKINNER⁵ COAN (Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Samuel and Hannah Morse (Skinner) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, January 26, 1843. He received his early education in the public schools of his native town, in Garland High School, and in East Corinth Academy. When he was 10 years old, his family moved to Garland. On July 22, 1862, he enlisted in the service of the United States in the 20th Maine Regiment of Volunteers, Company D. He served in that regiment fifteen months, during which time they marched over a thousand miles and took part in five battles and skirmishes. The battles included Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. He was Corporal of the Color Guard at Gettysburg and was one of the survivors of that guard of the 20th Maine who stood by the colors there. He was with the regiment on every march and in every battle during the fifteen months mentioned.

On October 26, 1863, he was transferred to the United States Signal Corps and was assigned duty on the Signal Station at General Mead's Headquarters. He remained there until January, 1865, when he was assigned to duty on the Signal Station in front of Petersburg. He was on the skirmish line in front of Mead's army when Lee surrendered.

After the war he taught school and studied medicine in the office of Dr. David Evans (Bowdoin, M.D., 1850) in Garland. He studied at the Medical School of Maine at Bowdoin and received his degree in 1870. He practiced his profession at Bradford until 1875 and then at Garland. While he lived in Garland, he was Supervisor of Schools in Bradford and Garland and served on the school committee for six years. In 1885-1886 he represented the town in the legislature.

In 1887 he moved his practice to Auburn where he lived at the corner of High and Drummond streets. He transferred his membership from the Congregational Church in Garland to the High Street Congregational Church in Auburn. He was President of the YMCA and surgeon of the Burnside Post, Grand Army of the Republic. His other memberships included the Maine Medical Association and the Androscoggin County Medical Association of which he was once president.

February 16, 1871, he married Mary Abbie Swett, who was born May 31, 1845, daughter of Noah and Nancy Rice (Wheeler) Swett of Garland. After a long illness, he died May 30, 1896, with a disease of the lungs. His wife died April 10, 1938; they both were buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Auburn.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Newton Swett, b. Aug. 29, 1872
- ii. Marion Sadie, b. May 17, 1875
- iii. Anna Estelle, bpt. Nov. 27, 1879
- iv. William Frederick, b. May, 1881

Reference: James White Bixby, "In Memoriam," The Maine Bugle, January, 1897, Campaign 4, p. 91.

History of Penobscot County, Maine (Cleveland: William, Chase & Co., 1882), p. 355.

Obituary Record of the Graduates of Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine (no. p., June 1, 1896), No. 7, Second Series, p. 336.

Edward Owen, comp., Biographical Sketches of the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of Maine for 1885 (Augusta, Maine: no p., 1885), p. 8.

NEWTON SWETT⁶ COAN (Elisha S.⁵, Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Elisha Skinner and Mary Abbie (Swett) Coan, was born August 29, 1872, at Garland, Maine. His family moved to Auburn when he was fifteen. He married Grace Marion Grierson of that city. For many years he was office manager of the Lewiston and Auburn Electric Light Company, predecessor of the Central Maine Power Company in the local field. He moved to Newton, Massachusetts, to accept a position with the Machine Composition Corporation of Boston. He was a member of the Congregational Church, the New Towne Club, Norumbega Lodge, F. and A.M., and the Royal Arch Chapter at Newtonville. After a long illness he died February 11, 1942, at his home, 4 Arlington Street, Newton. His funeral was held in the Eliot Congregational Church in Newton. Burial was at Auburn in Oak Hill cemetery in the lot with his parents and Swett grandparents.

Reference: Obituary, Lewiston Sun-Journal, Lewiston, Maine, February 14, 1942.

MARION SADIE⁶ COAN (Elisha S.⁵, Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Garland, Maine, May 17, 1875, the daughter of Dr. Elisha Skinner and Mary Abbie (Swett) Coan. She was graduated from Edward Little High School in Auburn, Maine, and from Bates College, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, in the Class of 1899. From 1899 until 1901 she was an instructor at Bar Harbor, Maine. She received her M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1902. From 1902 to 1904 she taught at the normal school in Brockport, New York; 1904-1908, at Hunter College High School. In 1908 she became Head of the Annex at Hunter College and held that position until 1922 when she became librarian at Hunter.

Marion was frequently a representative of Bates College at various academic functions. One of these was the North Atlantic section of the American Association of University Women which she attended in Philadelphia February, 1923. She was always interested in history and hoped someday to do research on Captain Elisha Davis Coan of Castine, her great grandfather. She wrote "A Revolutionary Prison Diary" on the journal of Dr. Jonathan Haskins, another great grandfather, from Old Mill Prison May, 1777 to May, 1779, in Plymouth, England. This article appeared in New England Quarterly, Vol. XVII, No. 2, June, 1944. She also wrote "Historical English Grammar," which appeared in Teachers' College Record. She was a member of the Bates Key; Council of Phi Beta Kappa Alumnae, New York; and the Women's University Club, New York.

Marion retired to Winterport, Maine. Her interest in history was apparent when she purchased one of the oldest houses in town. It was the homestead of Benjamin Thompson, who was clerk at Winterport in the fateful year of 1812; and because he refused to deliver town documents to the enemy, he was made a prisoner and incarcerated in the dungeon at Fort George at Castine. His home had a large bake oven where George Little, a relative of Benjamin, was concealed after being seriously wounded by a saber in an engagement with the British. Also there was a space above the false ceiling in the living room where the Thompsons hid their silver and other valuables when an English looting party raided the town.

Marion died in this old house April 11, 1958. She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Auburn, Maine, in the lot of her father, Dr. Elisha Skinner Coan.

Reference: Alumni Files, Bates College, Lewiston, ME 04240.

ANNA ESTELLE⁶ COAN (Elisha S.⁵, Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), daughter of Elisha Skinner and Mary Abbie (Swett) Coan, was born in Garland, Maine, and baptized in the Congregational Church there November 27, 1879. She married George H. Ingraham. In 1942 they lived in Manchester, New Hampshire, and in 1943 moved to Winterport, Maine. Anna died in 1954 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Auburn, Maine, in the lot of her father, Dr. Elisha Skinner Coan.

WILLIAM FREDERICK⁶ COAN (Elisha S.⁵, Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Garland, Maine, in May, 1881, the son of Elisha Skinner and Mary Abbie (Swett) Coan. He was graduated from Edward Little High School in Auburn, Maine, in 1900. In 1904 he received an A.B. degree cum laude from Bowdoin College where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He was a teacher in Houlton, Maine, 1905-1906 and principal of the high school 1906-1909. June 20,

1908, in Salem, Massachusetts, he married Mary Chisholm Macintosh. He was superintendent of schools in Houlton-Littleton, Maine, 1909-1913, and in 1909 he began a two-year term as president of the Maine Teachers' Association. In 1914 he became associated with Educational Research in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts. From 1917 to 1928 he was a purchasing agent for Cloth Company, Boston; and then he became editor of the Latin Department for a Boston publishing company. He lived in Newton, Massachusetts.

Children (7) COAN

- i. (daughter) married Charles D. Miller

Reference: General Catalogue of Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine 1794-1950 (Portland, Maine: Anthonsen Press, 1950), p. 203.

FREDERICK CHARLES⁵ COAN (Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born January 24, 1846, in Exeter, Maine, the son of Samuel and Hannah (Skinner) Coan. He married Clara Morrill Perham, who was born in 1853 in Brownville, Maine, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Wilkins) Perham. They moved to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he worked as a carpenter. He died in Jersey City, New Jersey, in October, 1900. In 1912 Clara moved to Houlton, Maine. She died in Newton, Massachusetts, December 19, 1943, and was buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Robert A., b. Jan. 17, 1877
- ii. Rachel E., moved to India in 1911; m. _____ Felt
- iii. Emily B.
- iv. Ruby Louise, a twin, b. Apr. 15, 1888, Worcester, Mass.
- v. Ruth Clara, a twin, b. Apr. 15, 1888, Worcester, Mass.
- vi. Helen B., was a bookkeeper; moved to Houlton, Maine, where she was auditor of Houlton Music Club in 1912. August 25, 1917, Helen, at age 26, married John A. Tenny, Jr., aged 23, in Boston. They both lived then in Worcester. He was a cabinet maker. She was a stenographer.

Reference: Deaths 1943 (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 73, p. 60.

George Thurston Edwards, Music and Musicians of Maine (Portland, Maine: Southworth Press, 1928), p. 290.

Worcester Collection, Worcester Public Library, Worcester, MA 01608.

ROBERT A.⁶ COAN (Frederick C.⁵, Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Garland, Maine, January 17, 1877, the son of Frederick Charles and Clara Morrill (Perham) Coan. He was graduated from Worcester Classical High School and attended Amherst College one term. He then went to Boston University and received his A.B. degree there in 1903. He was a member of Delta Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi; and Phi Beta Kappa. During the school year 1903-1904 he taught at Colby Academy, New London, New Hampshire. June 23, 1904 he married Constance Edith Dorothy Freethy, daughter of William R. Freethy of Winchester, Massachusetts.

He was principal of Pepperell High School, Pepperell, Massachusetts, 1904-1906; with Ginn and Company, 1906-1920; principal of Farmington, New Hampshire High School, 1921-1922. In 1922 he became a teacher in Rahway, New Jersey High School. He was a Rotarian, a Mason, editor of Theta Delta Chi Song Book, and assistant editor of Foresman Books of Songs. April 11, 1945, he died in Rahway, New Jersey.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Robert A.
- ii. William Freethy, b. Jan. 8, 1907
- iii. Richard Newton, b. Oct. 24, 1908; B.S. degree in education from Rutgers University in 1932
- iv. Virginia H.

Reference: Amherst College Biographical Record 1951 (Amherst, Mass.: Published by Trustees of Amherst College, 1951), p. 126.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary List, Class of 1903, Boston University College of Liberal Arts, June, 1928.

University Archives and Alumni Office, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

WILLIAM FREETHY⁷ COAN (Robert A.⁶, Frederick C.⁵, Samuel⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in New York City January 8, 1907, son of Robert A. and Constance Edith Dorothy (Freethy) Coan. While he was growing up, he lived in Brooklyn, New York; Farmington, New Hampshire; and Rahway, New Jersey. He prepared for college at Farmington High School and Phillips Exeter Academy where he was active in basketball and debating. He entered Princeton University and won the Freshman Hall Debate. His sophomore year he was a member of the varsity swimming team. He was graduated from Princeton in the Class of 1929. After graduation he joined the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and progressed steadily with that organization. He became directory staff supervisor and was responsible for the manufacture and delivery of telephone directories in all of Northern New Jersey.

On April 10, 1935, he married Elizabeth M. Woodruff. He was a vestryman and treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal

Church, Rahway, New Jersey; a member of the Board of Education in Rahway; a member, trustee, and president of Ilderan Outing Club; and a member and governor of the Whist Club of the Oranges, South Orange, New Jersey. His hobby was tournament bridge, and he was life master of the American Contract Bridge League. He retired from the Telephone Company in the spring of 1969.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Constance E., b. 1938
- ii. Alice M., b. 1940
- iii. Margaret A., b. 1941

Reference: University Archives, Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544



Abraham Simpson Coan



Nellie Coan



*Captain Alonzo Coan
in Colorado ca. 1900.*



*Captain Alonzo
Coan. Courtesy
Henry A. Shorey,
The Story of the
Maine Fifteenth.*

Promoted from 1st Sergeant 15th Maine Inf.
February 1st 1865

I certify, on honor, that Alonzo Coan 2d. Master-Sergt.,
Captain Company () of the 15th Regiment of Infantry
VOLUNTEERS, of the State of Maine, born in Capitol State
of Maine, aged 21 years; 5 feet 10 inches high; light complexion
gray eyes, brown hair, and by occupation a laborer, who joined for service
and was enrolled (see Note 9) on the 25 day of Jan'y, 1864, at Halifax, Texas
by Capt. W. Whitman ^{in a bill of exchange}, for the period of three years, and mustered into
the service of the United States on the 25 day of January, 1864, at
Laborers Point by Squad. Richardson; and having served
HONESTLY and FAITHFULLY with his Company to the present date, is now entitled to a
DISCHARGE by reason of Promotion, he having received
a commission as 1st Lieut. Company 15th Me. Inf.
The said Alonzo Coan was last paid by Paymaster
Wm. L. Latham, to include the 31 day of December, 1864, and
has pay due him from that time to the present date; he is entitled to pay and subsistence for
TRAVELING to place of enrollment, and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer
soldiers, drafted men, or militia, so discharged. He has received from the United States CLOTHING
amounting to Three $\frac{32}{100}$ dollars, since the 31 day of December,
1864, when his clothing account was last settled. He has received from the United States
no dollar advanced money to him, 1st and 2nd Lieut. Det. 15th Me. Inf.
There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of no due, or other
authorities, for CLOTHING, &c., received on entering service, no dollars; and
for other stoppages, viz: _____
_____ dollars.
He has been furnished with TRANSPORTATION in kind from the place of his discharge to
_____ ; and he has been SUBSISTED for TRAVELING to his
place of enrollment, up to the _____, 186
He is indebted to _____, OUTLINE, _____ dollars.
He is indebted to _____, LAUNDRESS, _____ dollars.
Given in Duplicate, at Pennam N., this 18 day
of March, 1865.
J. A. Clark
Capt. 15th Me. Inf.
Commanding Company.

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Civil War document indicating Alonzo Coan's promotion to 1st lieutenant, 15th Regiment of Maine Volunteers. Courtesy Maine Historical Society Library.

CHAPTER 6

MAINE COANS GO WEST

WILLIAM ALBERT⁶ COAN; ABRAHAM SIMPSON⁶ COAN;

ALONZO⁵ COAN AND DESCENDANTS

Principal Source used in this chapter:

Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family, a manuscript, owned by the compiler.

Other References given in text and after biographies where they have been used.

WILLIAM ALBERT⁶ COAN (William B.⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of William Bloomfield and Ada Lenora (Hoyt) Coan, was born May 27, 1855.

He served as a member of the Signal Corps of the U. S. regular army from 1876 to 1890. He assisted in the building of what is now the Northern Pacific Telegraph Line to the Pacific. He served in the Sioux Indian Country and among other hostile tribes for many years. He died at Sacramento, California, June 9, 1911, and was buried in Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder, Colorado.

Alonzo Coan, William's uncle, was one of the original incorporators of Green Mountain Cemetery and arranged for William's body to be shipped to Boulder for burial since William had no family. (Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family, p. 6).

ABRAHAM SIMPSON⁶ COAN (Albert⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), was born in Maine, son of Albert and Martha (Burgess) Coan. While his father was fighting in the Civil War, his mother died. Abraham was cared for by relatives in Exeter, Maine, until after the war when his father returned, settled in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and married again. Abraham went to Lawrence and attended a public school there. Later he worked as a clerk in a store in that city. "In 1883 he went to Silver City, New Mexico, where he engaged in mining. In 1885 he located in Boulder County, Colorado, where

he had charge of large mining interests. He lived in Boulder the rest of his life." (Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family, p. 9)

Abraham married Nellie _____. She was born in 1860. Abraham was active in the Republican Party and a truant officer for the Boulder School District until his death. He died in 1940; Nellie, in 1942. They were both buried in Green Mountain Cemetery in the Coan lot.

Reference: Manfred C. McClure, 2815 17th Street, Boulder, CO 80302.

ALONZO⁵ COAN (Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Abraham and Mary (Abbott) Coan, was born in Exeter, Maine, June 6, 1842. He

resided on the farm where he was born, in winter attending the district and high schools of his native town until he was sixteen years of age when he entered the employ of I. W. Truell & Co., dry goods merchants of Lawrence, Massachusetts. There he remained until the beginning of the war of the rebellion in 1861 when he returned to Maine and in August enlisted as a private in a company being organized by Dr. John B. Wilson, of Exeter, which, owing to some uncertainty as to whether their services would be required by the general government, was not mustered into the service of the United States until December 21st of that year. Dr. Wilson was commissioned Captain of the Company which was assigned to the 15th Regiment of Maine Volunteers, Infantry, receiving in that organization the designation of "H" Company. Alonzo Coan served continuously with this regiment throughout the war and was mustered out July 6, 1866, having attained the rank of a Captain.

The following record of his service was taken from the files of the War Department, Washington, D. C., by a committee of the Colorado Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of which he was a member.

MILITARY RECORD OF CAPTAIN ALONZO COAN

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Born at Exeter, Maine, June 6th, 1842.

Entered military service of the United States as a private Company "H", 15th Maine Volunteer Infantry, December 21st, 1861. Promoted to Corporal Sergeant, and First Sergeant of the Company, and Quartermaster Sergeant of the Regiment. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant December 1st, 1863, 1st Lieutenant February 1st, 1865, and Captain May 4, 1865.

Regiment organized at Augusta, Maine, and mustered in January 23, 1862. Moved to Portland February 25, thence embarked for Ship Island, Miss., March 6. Attached to Butler's New Orleans expedition January to March, 1862; 3rd Brigade, Department of the Gulf, to September, 1862; District of West Florida Department of the Gulf to June, 1863; 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 19th Army Corps, Department of the Gulf, to December, 1863; 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 13th Army Corps, Department of the Gulf, to January, 1863; 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, to February, 1864; 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 19th Army Corps, to July, 1864; 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 19th Army Corps, Army of the Shenandoah, Middle Military Division, to April, 1865; 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Department of Washington, D. C., to June, 1865; 3rd Separate Brigade, District of Eastern South Carolina, Department of South Carolina, Department of South Carolina to July, 1866.

SERVICE: Duty at Ship Island, Miss., March to May, 1862, and at Camp Parapet and Carrollton, La., May 19 to September 8. Moved to Pensacola, Florida, September 8, and was on duty there 'til June, 1863. Action at Fifteen-mile House, Fla., February 25, 1863, and at Arcadia March 6. Ordered to New Orleans, La., June 21, thence to LaFourche Landing. Expedition to Thibodeau June 23-25. At Camp Parapet 'til August, and on Provost duty at New Orleans until October. Expedition to the Rio Grande, Texas, October 27 - December 2. Advance on Brownsville, Texas, November 3-6. Occupation of Brownsville, November 6. Expedition to Arkansas, November 14-21. Arkansas Pass, November 17. Capture of Mustang Island, November 17. Fort Esperanza, November 25-27. Duty at Pass Cavallo, Matagorda Island, 'til February 28, 1864. Moved to Franklin, La., March 1-5. Red River campaign, March 10 - May 22. Marched from Franklin to Alexandria, La., March 14-26; thence to Nachitoches, March 26 - April 2. Battle of Sabine Cross-roads, April 8. Pleasant Hill, April 9. Monett's Bluff, Cane River crossing, April 23. Construction of dam at Alexandria, April 30 - May 10. Retreat to Morganza, May 13-20. Mansura, May 16. Duty at Morganza 'til July. Moved to Fortress Monroe, Va.; thence to Washington, D. C., July 1-13. Expedition to Snicker's Gap, Va., via Ball Bluff and Leesburg, in pursuit of Early's army, July 14-23. Moved to Harper's Ferry via Monocacy and Frederick City in pursuit of Early, July 28 - August 2. On veteran furlough, August 5 to October 1. Rejoined at Harper's Ferry, Va. Moved to Martinsburg, W. Va., October 6, and on duty there 'til January 8, 1865. Moved to Stephenson's Depot January 7. Operations in the Shenandoah Valley 'til April. Moved to Washington, D.C., April 19-23, and on duty there 'til May 31. Grand Review May 23-24. Moved to Savannah, Ga., May 31 -

June 4; thence to Georgetown, S. C., June 13-14. Provost Marshal of the District of Georgetown, S. C., June 18 to August 28, 1865. Judge of Superior Provost Court for the Military District of Eastern S. C., August 28 to December 28, 1865. Acting Aid-de-camp on the Staff of Brevet Major General Adelbert Ames, commanding the Military District of Eastern S. C., December 28, 1865, to April 26, 1866, and Commander of Post of Abbeville, S. C., April 24 to June 20, 1866. Mustered out with Regiment July 5, 1866, and honorably discharged from service.

Further information of Captain Alonzo Coan's service in the Civil War may be obtained from "The Story of the Fifteenth Maine" published by Major Henry A. Shorey.

On leaving the army, Captain Coan, after residing at Bangor, Maine, until the spring of 1868, located in DeKalb County, Missouri. Here he bought timber and farming lands and engaged in the lumber business. On July 12, 1875, at Maysville, Missouri, he married Marietta Jane Lancaster, born at Maysville, February 25, 1852, daughter of Manford and Sarah Ann (Roberts) Lancaster, and the following year removed to Boulder County, Colorado, where he engaged in mining. He made his home at Boulder, but his mining operations were conducted in several counties of the State of Colorado and also in Arizona, New Mexico, and California.

Captain Coan was a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 14, A. F. and A. M. of Boulder, Colorado; of Nathaniel Lyon Post, No. 5, Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Grand Army of the Republic; of the Colorado Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; and of the Society of Mayflower descendants in direct line from Stephen Hopkins (Alonzo Coan, The Coan Family, pp. 10-18).

Marietta Jane, Alonzo's wife, died January 10, 1900; he died May 19, 1921, in Boulder.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Edith Lancaster, b. Nov. 27, 1876
- ii. Ralph Alonzo, b. May 22, 1881

EDITH LANCASTER⁶ COAN (Alonzo⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Magnolia, Colorado, November 27, 1876, the daughter of Alonzo and Marietta Jane (Lancaster) Coan. She was graduated from the University of Colorado at

Boulder in 1897 with a Ph.B. degree. On October 2, 1897, at Boulder she married George Albert McClure, who was born in Middleton Springs, Vermont, November 16, 1874, the son of George Mallory and Edilda (Burnham) McClure. He attended the University of Colorado at Boulder where he played football and baseball and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He owned and operated a grocery store in Boulder prior to his 24 years of employment by the Public Service Company of Colorado.

Edith was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Fort Knight Club. George was a Mason and belonged to Columbia Blue Lodge #14, A. F. and A. M. He also was a member of the Elks, B.P.O.E. #566 in Boulder. His hobbies were sports, fishing, and gardening.

George died in Boulder April 27, 1954. Edith died there September 16, 1972, at the age of 95. Both she and George were buried in Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder.

Children (7) McCLURE

- i. Manfred Coan, b. May 26, 1912
- ii. Edith Elizabeth, b. June 5, 1907

Reference: Archives of the University of Colorado at Boulder

Manfred C. McClure

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MANFRED COAN McCLURE⁷, the son of George Albert and Edith Lancaster (Coan) McClure, was born in Portland, Oregon, May 26, 1912. His name was supposed to have been Manford, but he was registered incorrectly by the doctor as Manfred; so he has always been Manfred. He attended the University of Colorado in Boulder for three years and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. From December 8, 1941, until September 2, 1945, he was on active duty with the United States Navy during World War II; and was on Wake Island when it was bombed four days after Pearl Harbor. In recalling the attack, he said: "We didn't have much armament. We had two 5-inch batteries, six 3-inch batteries, and aircraft guns. They bombed and strafed us practically every day."

Less than two weeks later on December 24, 1941, he was captured by the Japanese and became a prisoner of war. Details of his internment still remain vivid:

12 days of freezing temperatures in the straw-lined hold of the Japanese freighter Nitta Maru, frost-bitten fingers and toes, destination Shanghai, China Area 9 POW war camps; then moving by train across Japan, glimpsing evidence of United States bombings, the Tokyo train terminal flattened. The final stop was a camp in the mountains outside of Aomori, 10 miles

west of the east coast of Japan, and grueling labor in an open-pit iron ore mine.

When a Japanese lieutenant appeared before the 200 prisoners of war there one morning in September, 1945, and said there would soon be an armistice between Japan and the United States, "no one believed him," Manfred said. But when a United States fighter plane flew over the prison camp and dropped C rations and clothing "and flapped its wings at us, we knew we were in good hands."

Manfred was transported along with the other freed men to the Japanese port of Sendai; and that is where for the first time in almost five years he saw an American flag flying. As he told the story, Manfred was visibly moved recalling the sight. Silent for a few moments, he appeared unable to find the right words. Finally all he said was, "It really gets you in the throat."

Manfred was awarded three medals: a World War II Victory Medal, an American Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. (Prisoner of War account taken from an article by Jan McCoy, Boulder Daily Camera, Boulder, Colorado, July 9, 1982.) October 11, 1945, he received an honorable discharge at San Francisco, California.

On August 2, 1927, at Boulder, Colorado, he married Ruth E. Henson, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, June 5, 1918, the daughter of Elisha K. and Lulu (Klett) Henson. Ruth attended North Colorado College and was graduated from Burr Business College. She was employed as a legal secretary, and was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Manfred was a surveyor from 1934 until 1941 with the United States Bureau of Public Roads and an insurance adjuster with the General Adjustment Bureau from 1949 until 1975 when he retired. He was a member of American X-Prisoners of War; the Elks, B.P.O.E. #566 in Boulder; the Mason, Columbia Lodge #14, A. F. and A. M.; Boulder #7 R.A.M.; Mount Sinai Commandery #7 Knights Templar. His interests included sports, gardening, fishing, and local history.

Children (8) McClure

- i. George Manfred, b. Dec. 4, 1948
- ii. Robert John, b. Dec. 31, 1951

Reference: Manfred C. McClure

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GEORGE MANFRED McCLURE, the son of Manfred Coan and Ruth (Henson) McClure, was born in Boulder, Colorado, December 4, 1948. He was graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a B.S. degree in business administration. He enjoyed music, sports, and skiing. In 1982 he lived in San Antonio, Texas, where he managed two McDonald franchises.



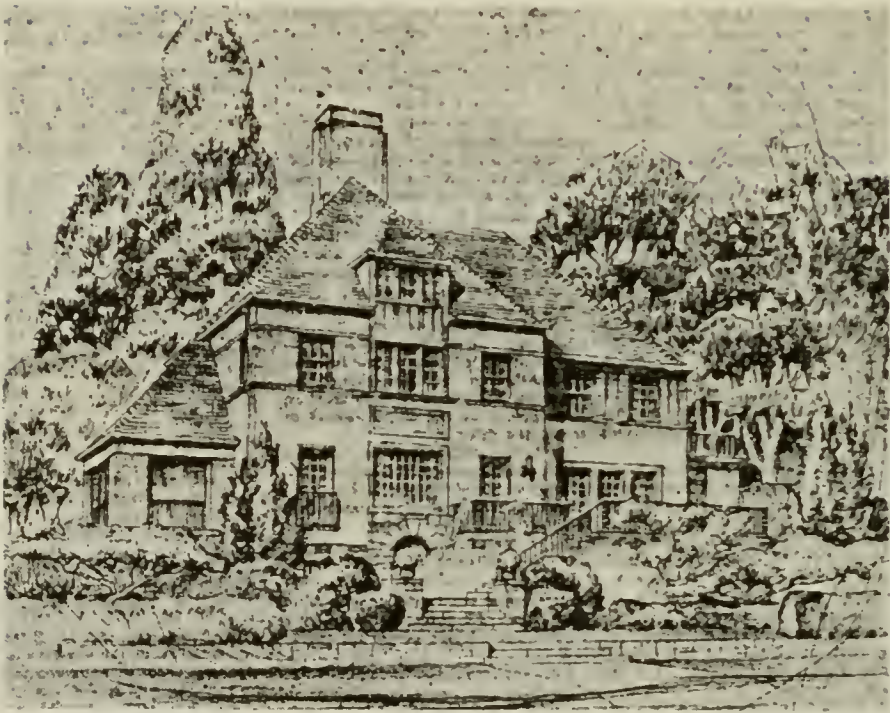
(left to right) George Manfred McClure, Ruth Henson McClure, Edith Elizabeth (Libby) McClure Bush, Edith Lancaster Coan McClure, and Robert John McClure with dog Jimmy.



Manfred Coan McClure, one of 269 Colorado former prisoners of war who received this special license plate. Courtesy Jerry Cleveland of the Boulder Daily Camera, Boulder, Colorado, July 9, 1982.



Ralph A. Coan. Courtesy the National Cyclopaedia of American Biography.



FOR MR. AND MRS. RALPH A. COAN BY JAMIESON PARKER, ARCHITECT: This 12-room house, frame with stucco exterior and stone base, is being erected upon the north shore of Oswego Lake by Charles W. Ertz company, builders, for Portland attorney. It will be L-shaped, with double garage in the wing. Three bathrooms, concealed radiation and a stone-walled recreation room are features. The perspective shows the view from the lake side.

Reference: Manfred C. McClure

ROBERT JOHN McCLURE⁸, the son of Manfred Coan and Ruth (Henson) McClure, was born in Boulder, Colorado, December 31, 1951. He attended Denver Community College in Denver. His hobbies were skiing, hiking, and landscape photography. In 1982 he lived in Breckenridge where he managed a meat market.

Reference: Manfred C. McClure

EDITH ELIZABETH McCLURE⁷, (Libby) the daughter of George Albert and Edith Lancaster (Coan) McClure, was born in Boulder, Colorado, June 5, 1907. She attended the University of Colorado in Boulder, and married David M. Bush, who died in January, 1982. Edith was employed as secretary to A.K.S. Dachsund Breeder, Fremont, California. In 1982 she was living in Sarasota, Florida.

Reference: Manfred C. McClure

RALPH ALONZO⁶ COAN (Alonzo⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹), son of Alonzo and Marietta Jane (Lancaster) Coan, was born in Boulder, Colorado, May 22, 1881. He received his early education in the public schools of Boulder. In 1904 he was graduated from the University of Colorado with an A.B. degree and in 1906 from Columbia University with an L.L.B. degree. In 1908 he moved to Portland, Oregon and established a law practice with the firm Evans & Coan. That same year on October 27 he married in Nevada, Missouri, Pansey Burton, daughter of Charles Germman Burton.

From 1911-1914 he was a partner in Whitfield & Coan and then practiced alone until 1926 when he became senior member of Coan & Rosenberg, the firm in which he continued until the close of his life. His work consisted of general, corporation, and probate law, and he had a large receivership practice. The firm was counsel for the Oregon Automobile Credit Corporation, Mercantile Acceptance Corporation, United States Tire and Rubber Company, American Credit Indemnity Company, Credit Insurance Adjustment Company, Associated Cloak and Suit Manufacturers of Portland, and the Colorado Life Company, as well as other insurance and manufacturing organizations. In 1911 Ralph organized the Lawyers Title and Trust Company of Portland of which he was director and secretary until 1926 when it was merged with the Oregon Title Insurance Company (later Commonwealth Life). From 1908-1910 he served as referee of bankruptcy in Portland.

He was a member of the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System Board, a director of the American Automobile Association and president of the Oregon State Motor Association. He was a member of the American, Oregon State, and Multnomah County Bar Associations, the Masonic order (33rd

degree, Shriner, Knight Templar), Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Portland Chamber of Commerce, Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Tau Delta, Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Portland Golf and University Clubs, and the Wana Lake Club of Skamania County, Washington. Politically he was a Republican. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and reading. He died in Portland November 15, 1950.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Burton Lancaster, b. Sept. 3, 1910, Portland, Oregon
- ii. Ralph Gorman, b. May 30, 1913, Portland, Oregon

Reference: The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography (New York: James T. White & Company, 1955), Vol. XL, p. 149.

BURTON LANCASTER⁷ COAN (Ralph A.⁶, Alonzo⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Portland, Oregon, September 3, 1910, son of Ralph Alonzo and Pansey (Burton) Coan. He was graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.A. degree in 1936. That summer he, with his brother Ralph as one of the navigators, and seven other young men sailed the 76-foot brigantine Gloria in the Santa Monica-Honolulu race after which they cruised the South Seas with no particular destination. They left Seattle for Santa Monica June 20 and returned about October 1.

In 1938 Burt received an LL.D. degree from the University of Oregon. In that same year on June 4 in Portland, Oregon, he married Elizabeth Goodman, who was born January 27, 1913. She was graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.A. degree in psychology.

Burt was active in the Masons and was master of his lodge. In 1958 he suffered a stroke from which he never fully recovered. Betty then returned to the business world as a social worker. She died January 6, 1976. In 1982 Burt was almost completely bedridden and living in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Children (adopted) (8) COAN

- i. Katie, b. Jan. 6, 1941; d. Apr. 19, 1982, Portland, Ore.
- ii. Stephen, b. May 24, 1944; served in the United States Navy 1968-1974

Reference: Ralph G. Coan, 16697 S.W. Maple Circle, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

RALPH GORMAN⁷ COAN (Ralph A.⁶, Alonzo⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Portland, Oregon, May 30,



Ralph Gorman Coan



Shirley Fulton



Fireplace in home of Ralph and Shirley Coan: Top Civil War sword inscribed: "Presented to Capt. Wm. B. Coan, CO.E. 48th N.Y.V., by the Members of his Company as a Testimonial of their respect and esteem." Bottom Civil War sword belonged to Captain Alonzo Coan. The gun is one of two brought home by Alonzo as Confederate souvenirs. It was purchased from the English government by the Confederacy as shown by a proof mark on the lock plate — "Tower — 1862."



U.S.S. Whitman DE 24 of which Ralph Gorman Coan was executive officer in World War II.



(bottom left) Shirley Fulton Coan in her studio, the Crow's Nest, Lake Oswego, Oregon, and one of her paintings. (bottom right) Ralph and Shirley Coan sailing in San Juan Islands, August, 1979.



1913, son of Ralph Alonzo and Pansey (Burton) Coan. The following was taken from an account of his life which he wrote for this genealogy.

I graduated from a private military high school, San Diego Army and Navy Academy, in 1931 and went to Menlo Junior College, Menlo Park, California, on a football scholarship that fall. At that time Menlo was an unpublicized adjunct of Stanford University, which used its athletic teams to give one additional year of training to its prospective players without sacrificing any eligibility. I dropped out at the end of the term in December, 1931, and went to sea in the merchant marine where I had been spending my summers for several years.

In the fall of 1932 I went to Stanford and was a member of the freshman football squad. However, I was badly injured in a game in late November and was advised by the doctors not to play football anymore. This injury ended my scholarship; and by this time the Great Depression was well started, and Dad couldn't afford to keep both Burton and me in college. I went to sea as a steady occupation serving in the "black gangs" of many different ships, belonging to several different steamship lines, until April, 1934, when there was a strike which effectively stopped all United States shipping for over a full year.

The depression made it extremely difficult to get any other kind of job, so I decided to go back to college and become a lawyer like my father. I had saved up quite a lot of money in the meantime, so I could pay my own way. I went to the University of Oregon for a couple of quarters, but the restrictions of a relatively small school in a small city seemed too great after my previous freedom in the merchant marine and at Stanford, which is close to San Francisco. In January, 1935, I changed to the University of Washington in Seattle, which was a much larger school in a big seaport city where I felt much more at ease. Besides, they had a Naval R.O.T.C. which took me on with open arms because of my seagoing experience, even though I was well into my sophomore year. The fact that I intended to go on to law school would make it possible to complete the required four years of R.O.T.C. although I would be graduating in 1937, just two and a half years away.

At that time a student could start law school at the beginning of the senior year and graduate with a B.A. degree at the end of the first year of the three-year law course. This was the way I intended to go. Here I joined Chi Psi fraternity. I was commissioned in the Naval Reserve; and because I was getting rather short of money, I decided to take advantage of what was

known as the "Thompson Act", a provision just recently passed by Congress that allowed newly commissioned reserve officers to apply for a year's active duty for training. I was ordered to the USS Astoria, a light cruiser, in which I served for about eight months and was then transferred to the USS Oklahoma, a battleship of World War I vintage. In both of these ships as a "fresh caught" ensign I was very insignificant and relatively low in the esteem of even the enlisted crewmen. However, I gained a lot of knowledge about how to get along in the navy and became qualified to be the ODD (Officer of the Deck) underway.

The year of active duty was stretched out quite a bit, but I was finally released to inactive duty in September, 1940, too late to go back to law school for the fall term. I got a job managing two theaters in Saint Helens, Oregon, a small lumber-mill-and-county-seat town about 35 miles down the Columbia River from Portland. I fully intended to go back to school the next spring; however, I never made it.

February 15, 1941, in Portland, Oregon, I married Shirley Fulton, who was born July 6, 1913, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, daughter of David Chrichton and Veda (Sully) Fulton. She was graduated in 1937 from Marylhurst College, Marylhurst, Oregon, with a B.A. degree and a B.S. degree in library science. She was an art teacher and librarian at West Linn, Oregon, High School. While we were on our honeymoon, I received orders to report for active duty as assistant engineering officer of the USS Fox DD 234, a World War I four-stack type destroyer, which was based in Seattle having just been recommissioned. I was in the Fox when World War II began; and we spent the first year of the war in Alaskan waters, a really miserable experience. I was then a lieutenant, j.g., and in June, 1942, while still on the Fox I made full lieutenant. I was transferred next to the USS Kendrick DD 613 operating in the Caribbean Sea and soon taking part in the Casablanca Invasion of North Africa.

I left the Kendrick for a short course at a school for prospective executive and commanding officers of destroyers and destroyer escorts at Miami, Florida. From there I went to Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, California, as the prospective executive officer of the USS Whitman DE 24. The Whitman was commissioned July 3, 1943; and after about six weeks of "shakedown", we joined the Pacific Fleet and took part in the Gilbert Island (Tarawa and Makin) Campaign. Next the invasion of the Marshall Islands started with the taking of Kwajalein Island. After Kwajalein was taken, we had to go back to Pearl Harbor for some repair work in the drydock. The commanding officer, Carl Bull, was relieved, and I had my first command--quite a thrill! Carl went

back to the mainland to take command of another about-to-be-commissioned ship, the USS Gilligan. Both commander and ship I would meet in the future.

After the repair work we went back to the Marshall Islands and were in on the Eniwetok landing. About this time I was promoted to lieutenant commander. Things then quieted down for a spell, and we went back to Pearl Harbor again where we spent about two months working with the submarines as final training for them before they left on a war patrol. We would play hide-and-seek-type games every day and sometimes over night. If I do say so, we got to be pretty good at it, which came in handy later on.

Next came the Mariana Islands Campaign starting with Saipan. This whole campaign was based out of Eniwetok, and we acted as screening patrols for the fuel and ammunition groups, shuttling them back and forth to resupply the main body and the landing forces. On the third trip out we intercepted a Japanese sub just as it fired a torpedo at one of the larger ships in the convoy. We managed to get in the way enough to have it hit the good old Whitman way up forward (about 25 feet from the bow). Thank God it was that far up, as we initially lost all power from the shock of the explosion (The Whitman was a diesel-electric-powered ship, just like a submarine) and had a huge fuel oil fire that lit up the whole area for at least three or four miles. It was just after 2 a.m. We were able to get things running again in a few minutes and put out the fire about 10 a.m.

The entire convoy had scattered, then regathered, and went on without us, which was what they should do. At any rate, after we got the fire out, the ship was so badly out of trim that the bow was actually under water and the screws were nearly out of the water. What a sitting duck! I'll never understand why that Jap didn't hit us again. He could have put us under with one round from his deck gun!

Anyway, we pumped out some of the flooded forward compartments and flooded a few after spaces so that we could get the propellers nearly all the way back in the water again and what was left of the bow mostly above water. Then using the pull of the separate screws to steer, we began backing toward Eniwetok which was about 250 miles away. We made it almost to the entrance of the lagoon before the tug came out for us.

After they got us patched up somewhat so we could make it on our own, we were sent back to Mare Island for a complete overhaul and refitting which kept us in the yard for 18 weeks--a really great interlude. We lost seven men, and I got a decoration, as did several others.

It was then the summer of 1944, and we went back

to Eniwetok in time for the last of the Palau Island Campaign; then on to the Philippines. Sometime in late 1944 I was relieved by a new CO and was just riding along on the flagship waiting for transportation back to Pearl Harbor for reassignment when the Captain of the USS Walke DD 723 was killed by a Japanese air-craft strafing during the landing at Lingayen. His executive officer was new to the ship. He had been on board less than two weeks and didn't feel capable of taking over, so I got the job. I was given a "spot" temporary promotion to full commander, the appropriate rank for the commanding officer of a fleet destroyer. When I detached from that ship, I reverted to lieutenant commander; but when I reached the point in time to be considered for selection for commander, that promotion was almost automatic, and I became a full commander July 1, 1949.

The Walke, although still able to operate had been damaged and so was sent back to Pearl Harbor and then to San Francisco for repairs. When we got to San Francisco, I was relieved and sent to the University of Southern California to be the instructor in seamanship at the N.R.O.T.C. unit. I reported there on March 1, 1945, and soon found I was not cut out to be a teacher-too impatient, and I needed more activity and excitement. I put in a request for sea duty again and got orders just as the war was ending to go to the USS Seminole AKA 108 as executive officer. I tried to catch up with her and was flown to Pearl Harbor, then on to Yokosuka, Japan, only to find that she had left to go back to the East Coast of the United States via the Panama Canal. The only effect of this was to keep me in Japan long enough to qualify for the campaign medal. Isn't that a laugh?

By this time I decided to ask to be a civilian again since I had twice as many points as I needed to get out. October 30, 1945, in Los Angeles I became a reserve officer on inactive duty as of February 13, 1946. I returned to Portland, Oregon, just in time for Christmas 1945. I realized if I went back to finish law school, I would have to start all over if I ever expected to pass the bar. As I had a wife and two small children to support, I had to go to work. I became a real estate salesman for The Simms Company, a commercial and industrial real estate brokerage and property management firm in Portland. Much to everyone's surprise, including my own, I had a knack for the job.

In the fall of 1946 the Navy set about the task of reestablishing its reserve components, and as a result I became the first commanding officer of surface division 13-4 in Portland. They had a reserve battalion made up of three surface divisions and one submarine division. The organization was a little slow in getting

ironed out, and it wasn't until about the end of 1948 before we had training vessels permanently assigned. Guess what! The training vessel assigned was none other than the USS Gilligan DE 508; and her first commanding officer, Carl Bull, by then a captain and commanding officer at the Great Lakes Training Center, showed up for the ceremony. What a coincidence!

While I was in the reserve, I had to take two weeks active duty which was usually on a ship operating out of San Diego or San Pedro, or sometimes at a naval station on shore. When the Korean Police Action broke out, I was on one of those tours at the Bremerton Navy Yard; and I can still remember thinking, "Oh, boy! Here we go again. I'll not get out 'til it's over." Well, sure enough, they kept me on for nearly six weeks, but I had too much rank. What they needed was lieutenants, not commanders. So I was told to go home. However, I was on duty long enough to get the Korean Campaign Medal although I never left Bremerton.

In 1960 I was up for promotion to captain; but because of asthma and a cataract on one eye, I couldn't pass the physical. I was retired as a full commander July 1, 1961.

I stayed with The Simms Company until 1952 when another salesman and I decided to form our own firm, the Industrial Realty Corporation. We were very successful, and it wasn't long before Mr. Simms asked me to return. We eventually merged the two companies. There have been many changes over the years as to stock ownership, management, company policy, etc. The company is now (1982) Simms Ferris, Inc., and I have been asked to help out the new owner. I will do what I can, but at my age and with my health not too good, I'm not sure how much help I can be.

Ralph's interests included boating, water skiing, and civic affairs. He was city councilman in Lake Oswego, Oregon, 1961-1967, and president of the council the last two years. He was on the Planning Commission 1968-1978, chairman 1974-1975.

He was a member of the Zoning Appeals Board of Portland, Oregon, 1965-1980. He was a member of the Portland Board of Realtors and served in every office including president in 1967. He also served in almost every office of the Oregon Association of Realtors with which in 1982 he was still affiliated. He was a director and regional vice president of the Society of Industrial Realtors, president of the Portland chapter three times, and still an active member in 1982. For three years, 1971, 1972, 1973, he was a national director of the National Association of Realtors, with which he was still affiliated in 1982, and served as a member of their Washington Legislative Committee 1970-1973. He was a member of Oregon Association's Legislative Committee for about ten years and chairman at least three times.

He belonged to the Columbia River Yacht Club, the University Club of Portland, the Retired Officers Association, the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the Elks Lodge in Oswego. He and Shirley jointly were member of the Portland Art Association, the Oregon Symphony Society, and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. In 1968 Ralph was Realtor of the Year for the Portland Board of Realtors, and a member of Omega Tau Rho of the National Association of Realtors. Omega Tau Rho is a honorary group composed of past officers, directors, etc. He was a former member of Portland Chamber of Commerce and served on many of its committees, chairing several. He also was a member of a number of special committees for city and state.

Ralph's military awards included the Silver Star; Commendation Medal; Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Naval Reserve Medal; American Defense Medal (Fleet Clasp); American, European, and Pacific-Asiatic Campaign Medals (Twelve Battle Stars); World War II Victory Medal; Occupation Forces Medal; and Korean Campaign Medal.

Shirley was a watercolor artist. She studied under Charles Mulvey, Phil Tyler, George Hamilton, Bong Wai Chen, and Rex Brandt, all well-known watercolor artists. Her memberships included Salem Art Association, Watercolor Society of Oregon, Lake Oswego Arts and Crafts League, Lake Area Artists, Sam Jackson Crafty Arts and Buffalo Grass Society, Portland Art Museum, Contemporary Arts and Crafts, Mendocino Art Center (California), Portland Junior League, and the Rivers Edge Athletic Club. She won awards in one-woman and group shows throughout the Northwest, including Sweepstakes and Purchase Award for the Watercolor Society of Oregon, Coos Bay Museum & Portland Fine Arts Guild. Her paintings may be seen in galleries and shows in the Northwest, both public and private, including Bush Barn in Salem, Portland Art Museum, and the Crow's Nest, Lake Oswego. Permanent collections may be seen at Georgia Pacific Building, Bank of California, First National Bank and United States Bank of Oregon, and Oregon Bank in Portland.

Besides being art teacher and librarian at West Linn High School, Oregon, she was librarian at Oregon City High School, art teacher and librarian at Lake Oswego Junior High School, and art supervisor for the West Linn School District. Her other interests included water skiing, golf, church guild, and other volunteer work.

In 1982 Ralph and Shirley lived on the shore of Lake Oswego, Oregon, where Shirley had her studio.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Ralph Gorman, Jr., b. Mar. 17, 1942
- ii. Christopher Fulton, b. Jan. 26, 1946
- iii. Kathleen Sully, b. Jan. 6, 1947

Reference: Ralph G. Coan



Commander Ralph Gorman Coan



*Ralph Gorman (Pat) Coan, Jr.,
and Susan LeCocq Coan*



*Scott LeCocq Coan and
Shannon Sully Coan*



Christopher Fulton Coan



Martha de Weese Coan and Kristin Coan



Kathleen Coan Long



Cameron C. Long



Aaron Gale Long

RALPH GORMAN⁸ COAN, JR. (Ralph G.⁷, Ralph A.⁶, Alonzo⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Seattle, Washington, March 17, 1942, the son of Ralph Gorman and Shirley (Fulton) Coan. Because of Ralph's St. Patrick's Day birthday, he was nicknamed Pat. He was graduated from Lake Oswego High School in Oregon in 1961; from the University of Oregon, Eugene, with a B.S. degree in economics in 1965; and from the Graduate School of Business at the University of Oregon with an M.B.A. degree in 1968. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

On July 11, 1970, at Yakima, Washington, he married Susan Le Cocq, who was born in Tallahassee, Florida, March 2, 1943, the daughter of Frank and Janet R. Le Cocq. Susan was graduated from Yakima High School in 1961; from the University of Washington in Seattle with a B.A. degree in French in 1965; and from Stanford University with an M.A. degree in the teaching of French in 1968. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She taught French and English at the junior high school in Los Altos, California. They resided at Atherton (1982) where Susan was active in the Junior League. Ralph was employed as manufacturing comptroller by Raychem Corporation in Menlo Park. The Coan family were avid snow skiers and skied at Squaw Valley, California, and at Lake Tahoe during the winters.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Shannon Sully, b. Jan. 21, 1975, Redwood City, California
- ii. Scott Le Cocq, b. Sept. 1, 1977, Redwood City, California

Reference: Ralph Gorman Coan, Jr.

CHRISTOPHER FULTON⁸ COAN (Ralph G.⁷, Ralph A.⁶, Alonzo⁵, Abraham⁴, Elisha D.³, Abraham², Peter¹) was born in Portland, Oregon, January 26, 1946, the son of Ralph Gorman and Shirley (Fulton) Coan. He received a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Oregon in 1968. In November of that year he was commissioned a captain in the United States Air Force in the Viet Nam War. He served for six years.

November 21, 1979, in Vancouver, Washington, he married Martha Minor de Weese, who was born in Portland, Oregon, June 10, 1950, the daughter of Lawrence Everett and Emily (Nichols) de Weese. She received a B.A. degree in French and Spanish civilization from Mills College in 1972 and an MAT degree in French and Spanish from Reed College in 1976. She was a French and Spanish teacher at the high school level.

Christopher and Martha enjoyed their home, family, and many friends as well as going to the beach and to Mt. Hood. In 1982 they lived in Portland, Oregon.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Kristin Emily de Weese, b. Feb. 24, 1981, Forest Grove, Oregon

Reference: Christopher F. Coan, 9821 S.W. Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97225

KATHLEEN SULLY⁸ COAN (Ralph⁷G.⁶, Ralph A.⁵, Alonzo⁴, Abraham³, Elisha D.², Abraham¹, Peter⁰) was born in Portland, Oregon, January 6, 1947, the daughter of Ralph Gorman and Shirley (Fulton) Coan. She attended the University of Oregon 1965-1968. On October 19, 1968, at Lake Oswego she married Gale Long who was born in Pendleton, October 11, 1946, the son of Garland and Vivian (Waters) Long. He was graduated from the University of Oregon and was employed in business administration by Reynolds Metal Company in Longview, Washington, (1982).

From 1975 to 1977 Kathy attended Lower Columbia College and became a registered nurse. She worked at Monticello Medical Center at Longview. In 1979 she and Gale were divorced. Kathy was interested in all types of arts and crafts, snow and water skiing, kite flying, jigsaw puzzles, roller skating, astronomy, and travel within this country. In 1982 her two young sons were taking computer programming classes. She lived then at Longview.

Children (9) LONG

- i. Cameron Christopher, b. May 10, 1969, Salem, Oregon
- ii. Aaron Gale, b. Sept. 10, 1970, Salem, Oregon

Reference: Mrs. Kathleen Long, 2703 Garfield, Longview, WA 98632

PART THREE

GEORGE COAN AND DESCENDANTS

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Mulford Coan

To all People to whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting

NOW YE, That I George Coan of Guilford in
the County of New-Hampshire and State of New-Hampshire
do hereby declare

For the Consideration of three pounds Lawfull money
full Satisfaction, of Mulford Coan of the Town and County

DO Give, Grant, Bargain, Sell and Confirm unto the said

Mulford Coan his and assigns forever one fourth or
quarter of an acre of Land in my home lot adjoining
to his House in which lot now dwelleth his son
I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the first Day of March
Anno Domini, 1782

Signed, sealed and delivered
in Presence of

Wm. Vinsell
James Willinson

{ Given for record
at New-Hampshire 1782
(It is truly signed)

George Coan
Branford March 1st 1782
fully appeared before me the Signer
and declared that he was the owner of the above
described land and that he had sold the same to the
said Mulford Coan his son and assigns forever

Deed for one-fourth acre sold by George Coan to his son Mulford March 1,
1782.

CHAPTER 7

THE GEORGE¹, MULFORD², GAYLORD³ COAN LINE

Principal Sources used in this chapter:

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GEORGE COAN

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GEORGE¹ COAN was born about 1704 probably in Worms, Germany. He came to America as part of the Palatine immigration of 1710. His mother and father died on the voyage; and he was left with his older brother, Peter, about 13 years old, and younger brother Abraham. There were no records of what happened to Abraham, but Peter and George were both bound out under Governor Hunter's program to take care of the orphans and destitute among the New York Palatines. As has already been discussed in Chapter 1, George was apprenticed to Samuel Mulford of East Hampton, Long Island. However, family tradition says it was Deacon Mulford, the brother of Captain Samuel Mulford, to whom George was bound. At any rate, he was cared for by the Mulford family and expressed his gratitude to these people by naming his first son Mulford.

On December 30, 1730, George married Jane Leek, who was baptized in East Hampton, Long Island, November 19, 1704, the daughter of Philip Jr., and Deborah (Conklin) Leek and granddaughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Day) Leek of Connecticut. The Reverend Nathaniel Huntting performed the ceremony. In 1735 George purchased land and a small dwelling in the North Parish of Guilford, Connecticut, and moved his family there. He also purchased the same for his brother Peter. (See deeds in Chapter 1.) He became a prosperous

farmer and lived there the rest of his life. About 1754 a church was erected in North Guilford. The following is quoted from a vote "at a meeting of the proprietors of the Common and undivided land" in September, 1753:..."Voted, That the said Petitioners have liberty to build a Church on the East side of Major Thompson's land, at the parting of the paths, near the South west corner of George Coan's home lot, so as not to incommode the highway." (Bernard Christian Steiner, A History of the Plantation of Menunkatuck and of the Original Town of Guilford, Connecticut [Baltimore: published by the author, 1897], p. 382). He and Jane were members of North Guilford Congregational Church.

George died in North Guilford June 28, 1782; Jane, November 27, 1786, aged 82.

Children (2) COAN

- i. Jane, bpt. May 14, 1732, East Hampton, Long Island; d. July 20, 1775, Guilford, Conn.
- ii. Ruth, b. Oct. 21, 1736
- iii. Mulford, b. Sept. 26, 1739

Reference: "Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Deaths in East Hampton, Long Island, from 1696-1746," New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (New York; New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1893-1902), Vol. 24, p. 190; Vol. 25, p. 140; Vol. 29, p. 170; Vol. 33, p. 155.

Records of Congregational Church, North Guilford, CT

RUTH² COAN (George¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut October 21, 1736, the daughter of George and Jane (Leek) Coan. On January 28, 1778, she became the second wife of Selah Dudley, who was born in April, 1713, the son of Miles and Rachel (Strong) Dudley. He was a farmer and a deacon of the church at North Guilford. Ruth died July 5, 1787; Selah, October 14, 1797.

Reference: Dean Dudley, The History of the Dudley Family (Montrose, Massachusetts: published by author, 1894), Vol. I, p. 360.

MULFORD² COAN (George¹) was born in North Guilford, Connecticut, September 26, 1739, the son of George and Jane (Leek) Coan. September 20, 1764, in Branford he married Elizabeth Howd, daughter of Verick Howd. The marriage was performed by the Reverend Philemon Robbins. Elizabeth died November 27, 1776. Mulford married second Mary Stone, born July 11, 1743, daughter of Benjamin and Deborah Stone. He served in the American Revolution as a private in Captain Hand's Company,

Tamze Daut of Sarnuel & J.
 Dinah Nettleton born July 11: 1759.

Gaylord Coan was born at
 Guilford August 14: 1768 -

George son of Gaylord & Tamze
 Coan was born Dec 31: 1790

Ezra was born June 17: 1792

Hizus & Sally. twins were
 born July 7th 1794.

Silvanus born May 10: 1797.

Remond born April 10: 1799

John born February 12 1801 -

Mary Femina Daughter
 Gaylord Coan & Lurinda
 wife was born Aug. 12th 1801
 and died in Feb. 1843.

Killingworth, Connecticut,
 record of births of Gaylord
 Coan's children.



Killingworth Congregational
 Church which Gaylord Coan
 helped build. Courtesy New
 Haven Register.

Births C.

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George . Hunger Coan son of Hil George &
 Mabel M. Coan was born April 13th
 A. C. 1823.

Caroline . Antrom Coan daughter of
 Mr Geo. & Mabel M Coan born November 9th
 A. C. 1824.

Copy of the original records in Madison, Connecticut.



*Coan monolith, Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York.
Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.*



*The Reverend George W.
Coan of Persia. Courtesy
College of Wooster.*

Colonel Talcott's Regiment, from March 22 to May 18, 1776. (Steiner, p. 448) According to the Federal Census of 1790 for the state of Connecticut, Mulford was living then in Killingworth. By 1794 he was living in Woodbury. He and Mary joined the First Congregational Church there. Mary died in Woodbury October 18, 1816, aged 73; Mulford, April 28, 1821, aged 81.

Children (3) COAN

By first wife, Elizabeth

- i. Elizabeth Howd, b. Nov. 27, 1766

By second wife, Mary

- ii. Lucy, b. 1765 or 1766
iii. Gaylord, b. Aug. 4, 1768
iv. Sylvanus, b. Oct. 28, 1778

Reference: Frederick W. Bailey, Early Connecticut Marriages As Found in Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800 (New Haven, Connecticut: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1896), Book 2, p. 106.

Gravestones, Sandgate, Vermont

Killingworth, Connecticut, Town Records Vol. 2, p. 154.

William Cothren, History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut (Woodbury: William Cothren, 1879), Vol. III, p. 256, 258.

ELIZABETH HOWD³ COAN (Mulford², George¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, November 27, 1766, the daughter of Mulford and Elizabeth (Howd) Coan. October 22, 1786, in Killingworth she married Joel Wilcox.

Reference: Bailey, Early Connecticut Marriages, Book 3, p. 39.

GAYLORD³ COAN (Mulford², George¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, August 4, 1768, the son of Mulford and Mary (Stone) Coan. He married Tamze Nettleton, who was born July 11, 1759, the daughter of Samuel and Dinah Nettleton. Gaylord was a farmer and lived in Killingworth. According to his son Titus he was "temperate, thoughtful, industrious, quiet, modest, peaceful, righteous, honest, and economical. He held somewhat aloof from social affairs, refused proffered offices, but observed the Sabbath, attended church regularly, read the Bible frequently, and held morning and evening prayers at home." He helped to build the First Congregational Church in Killingworth.

Tamze was one of the Killingworth Nettletons who produced artists and journalists. Titus described her as "laborious, faithful, tender." Her nephew was Asahel Nettleton, a distinguished evangelical preacher. She died January 14, 1818.

Gaylord married second Lucretia Platts, who was born July 16, 1749, and died in Killingworth September 2, 1856. Gaylord died there September 24, 1857, in his 90th year.

Children (4) COAN

- i. George, b. Dec. 31, 1790
- ii. Ezra, b. June 17, 1792
- iii. Elizur, a twin, b. July 7, 1794
- iv. Sally, a twin, b. July 7, 1794; m. Daniel Arnold; d. Nov. 18, 1866
- v. Silvanus, b. May 10, 1797 (spelled Silvanus on birth record, but Sylvanus on his wife's gravestone)
- vi. Heman, b. Apr. 10, 1799
- vii. Titus, b. Feb. 12, 1801

By second wife, Lucretia

- viii. Mary Jemima, b. Aug. 12, 1819; d. Feb. 21, 1843, single

Reference: ⁴Titus⁴ Coan, manuscript, Jan. 16, 1934, New York City Public Library.

Titus Munson⁵ Coan's Genealogical Notes (Collection of Leonie M. Dunlap, 200 Fort Lee Road, Leonia, NJ 07605).

Town Records of Killingworth, Connecticut, Vol. 2, p. 154.

⁴GEORGE⁴ COAN (Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, December 31, 1790, the son of Gaylord and Tamze (Nettleton) Coan. On August 16, 1821, he married Mabel Munger, born September 21, 1802, daughter of Josiah and Hannah (Coe) Munger of East Guilford. George was a minister and they lived in Madison for awhile. In 1828 he was serving the Presbyterian Church in Riga, New York. He later left New York State and moved to Niles, Michigan. He died March 18, 1848.

Children (5) COAN

- i. George Munger, b. Apr. 13, 1823
- ii. Caroline Antoinette, b. Nov. 9, 1824
- iii. Harriet Fidelia, b. 1837; d. 1840
- iv. Emily Loisa, b. Apr. 1840
- v. Harriet Angelica, b. Dec. 1843; m. Alexander C. Hoffman

Reference: Allen Johnson and Dumas Malone, Dictionary of American Biography (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1930), Vol. IV, p. 236.

Town Records of Madison, Connecticut, Book I, p. 83.

⁵GEORGE MUNGER ⁴COAN (³George, ²Gaylord, ¹Mulford, George) was born in Madison, Connecticut, April 13, 1823, the son of the Reverend George and Mabel (Munger) Coan. He joined the church at age 14 and decided that he would become a missionary. From that time on, he served his God faithfully, not only with his physical and mental ability, but with his money as well. His benevolent giving was a marvel in the community where he lived, and he often denied himself so that he might give to others. In his house there was always a box labeled "The Lord's purse." His health was never good, so he had to give up his dream of being a missionary. He was graduated from Williams College in the Class of 1849.

A year or so after he finished at Williams, he moved to Niles, Michigan, where he became a teacher of music, an organist, and a choir leader. He had rare musical ability which he consecrated to the service of religion. He was quiet and humble, but became an outstanding figure in religious circles in Southwest Michigan. He was an elder in the church and superintendent of the Sunday School.

In January, 1866, he married Carrie M. Rollo. He died at Niles November 23, 1881, aged 58.

Reference: Calvin Durfee, William Biographical Annals (Boston: Lee and Shepherd, Publishers, 1871), pp. 266, 267.

⁵CAROLINE ANTOINETTE ⁴COAN (³George, ²Gaylord, ¹Mulford, George) was born November 9, 1824, daughter of George and Mabel (Munger) Coan. She married William B. Ferson of Niles, Michigan.

Children (6) FERSON

- i. Emma
- ii. Nettie, b. 1857

Reference: Genealogical data (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap)

⁴EZRA ³COAN (²Gaylord, ¹Mulford, George) was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, June 17, 1792, the son of Gaylord and Tamze (Nettleton) Coan. He married Fanny Marie Hull who was born in Killingworth, January 7, 1797, daughter of Josiah and Fanny Hull. They moved to Byron, New York. Ezra died in Albion October 3, 1861. Fanny died May 20, 1882. They were both buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York.

Children (5) COAN

- i. George Whitefield, b. Dec. 30, 1817
- ii. Charlotte Martha, b. Dec. 30, 1819, Byron, N.Y.;
d. July 23, 1821, Byron, N.Y.
- iii. Charlotte Fidelia, b. Apr. 8, 1822
- iv. Henry Martain [Martyn], b. June 14, 1824
- v. Fanny Maria, b. July 29, 1826; d. Jan. 16, 1841
- vi. Ezra Titus, b. Mar. 25, 1829
- vii. Edward Payson, b. July 12, 1831; d. June 27,
1851
- viii. Sarah Amelia, b. Mar. 14, 1834
- ix. Fidelia, b. June 23, 1836, Byron, N.Y.; d. Mar.
21, 1837
- x. William Harrison, b. June 1, 1841

Reference: Titus Munson Coan's genealogical notes (Collection of Leonie M. Dunlap).

Gravestone, Lots #164, 165, Mountain Avenue,
Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N.Y.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD⁵ COAN (Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Bergen [Byron], New York, December 30, 1817, the son of Ezra and Fanny Maria (Hull) Coan. The following account of George's life was written for this genealogy by Philip Burr⁷ Coan of San Diego, California. It was based on his personal copy of Frederick G. Coan's Yesterdays in Persia and Kurdistan (Claremont, Cal.: Saunders Studio Press, 1939).

George helped work the farm, plowed when grown enough, and attended the Byron village school. To prepare for college, the only child of the family to do so, he studied advanced books suggested by teachers, clergy, and other college graduates. He learned well so that in 1843, at age twenty-five, he enrolled in the sophomore class at Williams College and was graduated in 1846. Good in mathematics, he also was interested in astronomy. To help pay his living costs, he tutored others and had a paying job with the college observatory.

In the fall of 1846, he entered Union Theological Seminary in New York City, again earning his way by tutoring in a wealthy family and teaching singing. He was graduated from Union in 1849 and ordained June 6 by the Presbytery of Genesee.

George and his uncle, Titus Coan, missionary to Hawaii, had known and liked each other since about 1826. Titus had requested George as a missionary to Hawaii, and George was gladly ready to go there when he finished study at Union Seminary, but the mission board had

urgent need of him in Persia, where one of its missionaries had recently died. George gave up his preference in favor of duty and the needs of the mission to Persia. At this time he married Sarah (Power) Kip [Kipp], who was born in Hudson, New York, April 17, 1821.

On June 18, 1849, George and Sarah sailed from Boston via the Mediterranean and Black Seas to Trebizonde, Turkey. A further six-week caravan trip (with camels) took them to the city of Urumia, Persia, on October 13, 1849. All Persia then was feudally ruled. Farmers paid for use of the land with heavy tithes in produce to provincial governors appointed by the Shah.

The Coans based their family life and religious work with Moslems and Nestorian Christians in a walled mission compound of six to ten mission families two miles outside of the city. A brook for gardening and non-potable water supply ran through the compound, which contained schools, servants' homes and stables for horses and cows. Mission families grew their own vegetables and animal fodder. Dangerous groups of rebellious Kurd tribesmen lived lost in the mountains and often in single-night attacks raided small towns and colonies for loot of all kinds.

The Coans, while learning Syriac and Persian customs, spent eleven months in the nearby hills at safe villages. The second winter they lived in a twenty-house Nestorian village called Memikan at a 7,000 foot altitude in the Gawar plain 45 miles due west of Urumia. George aided Dr. Rhea in visiting nearby villages to preach and encourage. They lived in Memikan in a 20' x 16' room with one door and a glass window they brought with them and set in a sunny wall. There were so many fleas in the room that the couple, before going to bed, stood in a wide bowl of water and scraped the fleas from their skin into the water to drown, hopefully. Their room had one wall and a front-door alley common to a small cattle stable. Daytimes, Sarah taught prayers, the Bible, sewing crafts, and useful household habits to girls and women of and near Memikan. Her only schoolroom was her 20' x 16' one-room house.

On severest winter days, Memikan had snow drifts up to 18 feet depth and temperatures of 20° to 30°F. below zero. The single-wall window was blocked. Deep snow forced the natives to dig tunnels to a nearby spring so that the cattle could drink. It followed that bad sanitation was endemic in the area and only the hardy natives and missionaries survived.

Returning in 1852 to safer, cleaner and organized

mission life at the compound outside Urumia, George and Sarah began their permanent routine. This was winning converts, servicing converted and native Christians, instructing in the Bible and academic subjects, and teaching homemaking classes. George made frequent horseback or carriage field trips, lasting a few days to six months.

Life for their children in the mission compound was active and enjoyable, although the mission seldom had other children of the ages of the young Coans. Each child had chores and was paid for the work with the money being sent to America for investment toward the children's futures. The chores also were exemplary to the native Persians both in and outside the compound who thought no child of a "sahib" should do manual work. After prayers each morning, Sarah taught her own and other mission children Latin, mathematics, English literature and grammar, and all secondary school subjects needed to enter an American college.

Recreation included riding, driving the three or four saddle and carriage horses, and exploring outside the compound. The boys also liked to watch mission industry, such as the printing house, where native Christians cast Syriac type; printed tracts, hymns and books; then handstitched and bound the volumes. Both young Fred and his father George were very musical, the father having "perfect pitch" hearing. In 1872, two young missionary couples arrived, the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Oldfather and the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Whipple. They brought an eight-stop organ with newly developed tone combinations, which Mrs. Whipple played with skill. Her music enthralled the young teen-age Fred. Also, the children enjoyed accompanying their parents on carriage and riding trips, even sleigh trips in winter, to visit the city, friends across the valley, parishioners' farms; or on longer journeys to meet incoming personnel or to show love for departing missionaries. Most trips required horse-mounted guards against Kurdish bandits; the longer and larger the trip, the more guards.

In 1864 George and his family took their first furlough year returning to the United States. Their route back-traced their 1849 incoming route to Trebizonde and by sea to home. They resided for the year in Hudson, N.Y., Sarah's birthplace.

Eight years later in 1872, Edward Coan, now in his late teens, again made the "homebound" trip without family members but in company with Dr. John H. Shedd, Mrs. Joseph P. Cochran, and her son Joseph, a close friend of Edward. Edward parted from these familiar friends

when they reached the United States and went to Homer, Michigan, then the home of his grandmother, uncle and aunt. Months after Edward's departure, his father in Persia had a sensing, while asleep, that Edward had died. His wife Sarah and their sons did not believe it. In another two months, mail from America confirmed Edward's death, even to date and time.

After a severe Persian drought in 1872-73, George was in ill health following a nearly fatal fall; and, as his sons Frank and Fred were at school age, he decided to take a tenth-year furlough in 1874. He planned to go via Lake Van on the way to Trebizonde to see a new American Board station at Van. Sarah was too weak to ride a horse, so she was carried slung beside a horse in one of two balanced kavajars, (heavy wooden seats tied on both sides of a horse). The Coan party and retainers joined a 1,000-horse caravan northward bound.

On the sixth day from Urumia, the Coans reached Van. They stayed ten days as guests of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Raynolds. Here the Coans bought two Angora cats for an English merchant in Constantinople, as requested by William R. Stockton when he visited Urumia earlier in 1874.

Going on to Erzerum in eastern Turkey, nearly two weeks on the trail, they did the final three-day climb and descent of the rocky mountain ridge Polon Tukon. The small Coan caravan stayed a few days at the summer camp of the American Board's Erzerum station. A new macadem road of 170 miles from Erzerum to Trebizonde prompted Dr. Coan to replace his horseback transport with two large "Phorgoon" Russian-design wagons, like prairie schooners, each pulled by four horses. It was a novel and comfortable ride for the Coans reclining or sitting on pillows and blankets spread on top of the wagon bed loads. The boys, raised in Urumia's aridity, were awed by the dense forests of northeastern Turkey. On slow upgrades of the road the two brothers frequently walked in the dark woods beside the wagons, or hiked across ridges and sharp curves to rejoin or wait for their family convoy a few miles farther along the road. Arriving at Trebizonde on the Black Sea, the Coans got a ship to Constantinople, delivered the Angora cats, and for ten weeks visited Dr. Riggs, a missionary since the 1820s.

Continuing the "Grand Tour" to broaden Fred's and Frank's pre-college education, George and Sarah sailed to Naples. The family visited Rome, Florence, Milan, Lake Como, Paris, and spent six weeks in London. They sailed to the U.S. on The England, a new steam-and-sail passenger vessel.

Back in America (probably in the spring of 1875), the missionary Coan family visited relatives in Hudson and Albion, N. Y., then in Homer, Michigan, where George's mother and sister and the latter's husband lived on a farm. For the rest of his life George was active in the cause for missions, constantly making stirring appeals for their support.

To enroll their sons in a fine high school in Niles, Michigan, the Coans moved there in the fall of 1875(?). Fred completed a four-year course in three years. George had an uncle and sister living in Niles, and his cousin, George Munger Coan, was organist at Niles Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Eddy was the gifted pastor.

In 1878, George moved his family to Wooster, Ohio, so that his son Fred could begin immediately his college education at the new, small Wooster College which had an unusually strong faculty. Recognizing George's ability and faithful service, the College of Wooster in 1878 awarded him a D.D. degree. He died in Wooster December 21, 1879. Sarah died October 18, 1887. They were both buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York.

Children (6) COAN all born in Persia

- i. Edward Payson, b. Aug. 17, 1854; d. Feb. 1, 1871, Homer, Mich.; buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N. Y.
- ii. Elizabeth Bergen, b. Jan. 12 or 15, 1855; d. 1864
- iii. Stoddard
- iv. Frederick Gaylord, b. May 23, 1859
- v. Henry Ezra Franklin, b. Jan. 15, 1861
- vi. George, b. 1868

Reference: Alumni Catalogue of the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, 1836-1926 (Published in New York in 1926), p. 53.

Titus Munson Coan's genealogical notes (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap).

Calvin Durfee, Williams Biographical Annals (Boston: Lee and Shepherd, Publishers, 1871).

Gravestone, Lots #164, #165, Mountain Avenue, Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N. Y.

FREDERICK GAYLORD⁶ COAN (George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Urumia, Persia, May 23, 1859, the son of missionaries, George Whitefield and Sarah (Power) Kip Coan. He grew up in Persia and came to the United States for his advanced education at Wooster University (College of Wooster) in Wooster, Ohio. Here he studied music. During his



The Reverend Frederick G. Coan. Courtesy Frederick G. Coan, Yesterdays in Persia and Kurdistan.



Ida Speer Coan. Courtesy Frederick G. Coan, Yesterdays in Persia and Kurdistan.



Elizabeth Coan Richards



Katharine Coan Carleton



Frank Speer Coan and Howard Radcliffe Coan

freshman year he met Ida Jane Speer, whom he later married. A classmate who roomed at the Speer's invited Frederick to study Greek with him there. While they were studying, someone was playing Beethoven; and Frederick remarked that whoever was playing was a fine musician. Mrs. Speer invited Frederick to stay for supper, and he met the musician, Ida Jane Speer. They soon arranged to meet one evening a week from seven until nine "to improve their reading."

In his sophomore year, Frederick organized a male quartet which sang in the Lutheran Church where he was organist. He later added four ladies, one of them Ida, making it an octet. During his junior year they became engaged. He was graduated from Wooster in the Class of 1882.

Frederick had planned to make music his profession, but his mother wanted him to go to Persia as a missionary. With a heavy heart he entered Western Theological Seminary in the fall of 1882. Here he met Samuel H. Kellogg, D.D., LL.D, a returned missionary from India. When Dr. Kellogg learned of Frederick's feelings, he came to his room and talked to him, arousing his enthusiasm for his new profession. The next year Frederick went to Princeton for the last two years of his course so he could be near his brother Frank, who was an undergraduate there. He was ordained July 16, 1885, and on July 1 of that year he married Ida.

Ida was born in West Salem, Ohio, January 26, 1861, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Thomas P. Speer, and his wife, Elizabeth (Stoneroad) Speer. The family moved to Wooster when Ida's two older brothers were ready for college. Here she had the privilege of studying under the great musician Karl Merz and became the first graduate of the musical department which he organized at Wooster. She was in the Class of 1884.

A few weeks after they were married, on July 25, 1885, they sailed from New York on the ship Furnessia of Anchor Line for Persia where for 43 years they were missionaries. Ida was an excellent homemaker and mother, often carrying on for weeks alone while Frederick visited the churches of which he was in charge as general evangelist in the Urumia Plain and Kurdistan. He often traveled on horseback and his tours in the wild and inaccessible mountains took him as far as the plains of Mesopotamia, Mesul, and Baghdad. Ida knew these tours were dangerous, but she was always brave and cheerful. One tour lasted seven months, and during that time she heard her husband had died of sunstroke in Mesopotamia; that he had been drowned crossing a very swift river on a flimsy raft; and that he had been killed in an encounter with Kurds. Through all of this period she remained calm and believed Frederick was safe. When he finally arrived home, he admitted all of the reports had foundation, but God had taken good care of him.

Ida and Frederick were both fine musicians and often gave concerts at the mission station. A wedding gift ordered built by Ida's parents before their marriage was among boxes

of housewares shipped in advance of the wedding. The gift was a Decker Brothers upright piano sealed in a zinc-lined crate weighing 1,500 pounds. The piano transported on its own cart pulled by two buffalo and two oxen for 700 miles from Trebizonde to Ula, made the journey with only one wire out of tune, though the ox cart had tipped over twice during ninety days on the trail.

Ida loved flowers, and wherever she lived, she always had beautiful gardens. Once, returning from a furlough, she picked up some new plants in Russia and brought them all the way to Persia in her lap. She also introduced new varieties of roses. At Claremont, California, at the time of her funeral most of the flowers on the casket came from her own beds.

Missionary children sometimes had special teachers from the states, but often were taught by the missionaries themselves and their wives. Ida taught German in which she had majored in college and was very fluent. She also could talk, read and write in Syriac and Turkish and knew a good deal of French. At one time her son Howard attended the American School for Moslems and other races. He soon won the affection and respect of the boys by teaching them American games. One day he met with an accident, and his classmates sent fruit and flowers; and finally, when he was better, his friends arranged with Frederick to visit Howard. At that time it was against all Mohammedan etiquette for men to see the faces of any women except those of their own household. Ida wanted to meet the boys, so Frederick agreed that she would answer the door; and he wouldn't appear until later. As the boys ascended the steps and rang the bell, to their astonishment and consternation, they were met by the lady of the house. Feeling it must be a mistake, they turned their heads; some covered their faces, begged pardon, and asked if they had come to the wrong door. They were assured there was no mistake, given a cordial welcome, and led into the parlor where Ida soon had them feeling at home. Frederick eventually appeared; refreshments were served; and then they were led into the bedroom to see Howard.

It was the first time they had ever seen a room used just for sleeping, and a bed made up with clean white sheets. They were told how much cleaner and more sanitary it was to have them. Their own bedding consisted of quilts, often very expensive, but seldom washed. When they left, they thanked Frederick for the great honor paid them. On arriving at his home, one of the visiting boys told his father they had spent several hours in the Seventh Paradise, and recounted what they had seen and learned. With tears in his eyes he asked, "Father, will we ever have anything like that?" His father answered, "Not while we are Mohammedans."

In World War I during an invasion of the Turks and Kurds 30,000 refugees sought safety and escaped massacre by going to the Urumia mission station where "Old Glory" was flying. Eighteen missionaries found themselves with 30,000

unbidden guests for five months. Every bit of available space was used--college and hospital rooms; barns, cellars, stables, even closets. Frederick put up a tent that housed 1,000 and took 29 into his own home. An epidemic of typhoid broke out; over 4,000 died, among them five missionaries. Frederick caught typhoid and was dangerously ill for over forty days. Ida nursed him and many others. There was not even one trained nurse except for an Assyrian woman who had taken a course in America. Ida had over 100 successive days and nights of nursing alone except for the help of some Assyrian teachers who took her place at times and called her when she was needed. The American flag flew constantly over the station giving protection to the refugees. President Wilson called this incident the most thrilling story of the American flag.

From 1904-1912 Frederick was in charge of Urumia College and superintendent of the village schools. In 1917 and 1918 he lectured on the Chatauqua Eastern Circuit in behalf of Armenian and Syrian relief. November 17, 1924, Frederick and Ida were honorably retired and came back to the United States. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1935. For a number of years they resided in Minneapolis, then in Princeton, New Jersey, and finally in Claremont, California. In 1939 Frederick's book, Yesterdays in Persia and Kurdistan, was published. It was an account of his more than 40 years in the missionary field.

Ida died in Claremont, California, June 24, 1939; Frederick, in Shreve, Ohio, March 23, 1943. A memorial service for Frederick was held in the College of Wooster chapel on March 27. They were both buried in Wooster Cemetery.

Children (7) COAN all born in Persia

- i. Elizabeth Veech, b. Dec. 14, 1886
- ii. Frank Speer, b. Mar. 26, 1889
- iii. Frederick, b. 1893; d. 1894, Van, Turkey
- iv. Katharine Cochran, b. Nov. 23, 1895
- v. Howard Radcliffe, b. May 13, 1898

Reference: Archives, College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.

Frederick G. Coan, Memorial to Your Mother and Grandmother, manuscript, pp. 1-7, 15.

Frederick G. Coan, Yesterdays in Persia and Kurdistan, (Claremont, Cal.: Saunders Studio Press, 1939).

"Memorial for Dr. F. G. Coan," Daily Record, Wooster, Ohio, March 25, 1943.

Edward Howell Roberts, Biographical Catalogue of the Princeton Theological Seminary 1815-1932 (Princeton, N. J.: Published by the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, 1933), p. 359.

ELIZABETH VEECH⁷ COAN (Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Urumia, Persia, December 14, 1886, the daughter of Frederick Gaylord and Ida Jane (Speer) Coan. She grew up in Urumia, the capital of the district, with a population of 150,000 including surrounding villages. Her parents were Presbyterian missionaries, so the family lived in the missionary compound a few miles outside the city. Elizabeth returned to the United States for her advanced education and was graduated from Wellesley College, Class of 1911. She then took a teacher's degree at Winona State College in Minnesota. In 1914 she went back to the mission field in Persia and spent five years of war there in Urumia and Tabriz. She taught at the Girls' School in Urumia.

April 11, 1918, in Urumia she married Edward Carrington Mayo Richards, who was born in New York City September 23, 1886, the son of Howard and Harriet (Mayo) Richards. Edward was graduated from Yale University with a B.S. degree in forestry, and from Sheffield School with an M.F. degree. He engaged in private and public practice in forestry.

In 1919 Elizabeth and Edward returned to the United States and lived in New York and New Jersey where their four children were born. In 1930-31 they spent fifteen months in Europe where their children got a good start in speaking German. Upon their return they settled on a farm near West Chester, Pennsylvania. The children all went to Westtown Friends School. From 1932 to 1934 they were with the Tennessee Valley Authority where Edward was chief forester. The family took five summer camping trips to the West, Southwest, and Mexico.

In 1953 Elizabeth and Edward moved to Tucson, Arizona. In 1955-56 they toured Europe and the Middle East; they visited 21 countries. In 1961 they completed a round-the-world trip. All the family were united in their opposition to war and to military conscription. Sons Frederick H. Richards and William L. Richards went to prison as conscientious objectors to World War II.

Elizabeth enjoyed plants, flowers, languages, the Bible, literature, and the piano. Her main interest, however, was in her family. She was active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, was a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). In 1982 she was nearly 96 years old, probably the oldest living Coan. She resided in a nursing home in Tucson, Arizona, near her daughter Elizabeth.

Children (8) RICHARDS

- i. Frederick Howard, b. Nov. 16, 1919
- ii. William Lippincott, b. Jan. 26, 1921
- iii. Elizabeth Rebekah Speer, b. May 22, 1922
- iv. Annette Hope, b. May 5, 1924



Edward Carrington Mayo Richards and Elizabeth Veech Coan Richards



Sculptures by Elizabeth Richards: Kathy and Female Nude



Elizabeth Rebekah Speer Richards



The Dr. Frederick Howard Richards family: (back) Rafael Mayo Richards, Frederick, Grace Collins Richards, Benjamin Wood Richards III. (front) Aurelia Mayo Richards, Stacy Budd Collins Richards, Amanda Richards.



Malika Richards, daughter of Dr. Frederick Richards.

Reference: Katharine Coan Carleton, Memoirs of My Childhood in Persia 1895-1910, (no. p., July, 1979), pp. 4, 5.
The Fiftieth Reunion Record of 1911, Class of 1911, Wellesley College Archives, Margaret Clapp Library, Wellesley, MA 02181
 Elizabeth R. S. Richards, Box 5261, Tucson, AZ 85703

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FREDERICK HOWARD RICHARDS⁸, son of Edward Carrington Mayo and Elizabeth Veech (Coan) Richards, was born November 16, 1919, in New York City, New York. He was graduated from Norris High School, Norris, Tennessee; received his pre-medical education at Swarthmore College where he was graduated in 1945 with a B.A. degree; was awarded an M.D. in 1948 by Temple University School of Medicine; and completed his education with surgical studies at London and Edinburgh, F.R.C.S. (primary only) in 1954.

Frederick's father, mother, sisters, and brother were strongly opposed to war, and he shared their deep-seated convictions. During World War II he served a year in Danbury Prison (1941-1942) for draft evasion.

He married first Jennifer Osgood, the mother of his first four children. He married second Grace Collins on November 22, 1969, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Grace was born July 3, 1934, in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Alfred Collins. Before her marriage to Frederick, she was a senior secretary to a Philadelphia high court judge.

In 1982 Frederick was a physician with a family practice which included obstetrics and surgery. He enjoyed working and managing the family forest of 1200 acres, as well as shooting and hunting. His other interests included horses, music, and antique cars. He was a member of Amnesty International, Society of Friends (Quakers), and American Civil Liberties Union. One of the high points in his life was his year as surgeon at the American Mission, Muscat, Oman. He and Grace resided in Troy, Pennsylvania.

Children (9) RICHARDS

- by Jennifer
- i. Malika, b. Apr. 25, 1959
- ii. Aurelia Mayo, b. Jan. 16, 1961
- iii. Amanda. b. June 11, 1962, Edinburgh, Scotland; held three school records in track (running and jumping), as well as varsity letters in three major sports at Westtown School
- iv. Rafael Mayo, b. Nov. 5, 1963, Edinburgh, Scotland by Grace
- v. Stacy Budd Collins, adopted by Frederick; b. May 1, 1961, Abington, Pa.
- vi. Benjamin Wood III, b. Aug. 22, 1970, Philadelphia, Pa.

Reference: Dr. Frederick H. Richards, 176 Canton Street,
Troy, PA 16947

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MALIKA RICHARDS, daughter of Frederick Howard and Jennifer (Osgood) Richards was born April 25, 1959, in Kuwait, Persian Gulf. She was graduated from Troy High School, Troy, Pennsylvania, in 1977, valedictorian of her class. In 1982 she was graduated with honors from Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. She spent her junior year of college in Japan, where she taught for a year in a provincial high school. She learned to read and write, as well as speak Japanese; to perform the classical "Tea Ceremony"; and to feel at home in their way of life.

In the fall of 1982 she was on a two-year Peace Corps assignment as an English teacher at Sawee Wattaya School, Amphur, Sawee, Chumporn, Siam on the "pirate coast." Malika liked to travel and in November of 1982 had just completed a three-week visit to China, via Hong Kong and Canton. She was a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers) and a strong supporter of Women's Liberation. In 1984 when she completed her Peace Corps assignment, she planned to do postgraduate work.

Reference: Dr. Frederick H. Richards

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AURELIA MAYO RICHARDS, daughter of Frederick Howard and Jennifer (Osgood) Richards, was born June 16, 1961, in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was graduated from Troy High School, Troy, Pennsylvania, and completed her pre-medical studies in Edinburgh. In 1982 she was at the University of Aberdeen Medical School in Scotland, where she will be graduated with an M.B.B.S. degree in 1985. She enjoyed sports, especially tennis, sailing, and swimming.

Reference: Dr. Frederick H. Richards

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STACY BUDD COLLINS RICHARDS, daughter of Grace Collins Richards and adopted daughter of Dr. Frederick H. Richards, was born May 1, 1961, in Abington, Pennsylvania. She was graduated from Westtown School, Westtown, Pennsylvania, in 1978, and in 1982 was a junior at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. She was a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers), and her hobbies included horses and music.

Reference: Dr. Frederick H. Richards

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WILLIAM LIPPINCOTT RICHARDS, son of Edward Carrington Mayo Richards and Elizabeth Veech (Coan) Richards, was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, January 26, 1921. He received his



Dr. William Lippincott Richards and his sons, John Gordon Lippincott Richards and Andrew William Richards.



(front) Ellen Jean Gillanders Richards, Kathleen Elizabeth Richards, Dr. William Lippincott Richards. (back) Andrew William Richards with Angus their "golden puppy."



The Annette Richards Parent family: Lawrence Edward Parent, Hiram Lincoln Parent, Anne Mayo Parent, Annette.



Painting (original in watercolor)—Pinos Altos Church—by Annette Hope Richards Parent.

advanced education at Antioch College (3 years), Swarthmore College (one year), and Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was granted an M.D. degree in 1951. He did his interning and received post-graduate training in internal medicine in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He received his FRCP(c) degree in 1957.

William was a Quaker and a conscientious objector. During World War II he served 46 months in a federal penitentiary for his pacifistic beliefs.

On June 23, 1956, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, he married Ellen Jean Gillanders, who was born in London, Ontario, Canada, daughter of John Gordon and Kathleen Maud (White) Gillanders. She was a graduate of Wellesley Nursing School, Toronto, Ontario.

William enjoyed hunting, fishing, sailing, reading, and working at his summer cottage on a six-acre island. In 1982 he was a practicing physician specializing in internal medicine with a staff appointment at Mississauga Hospital, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Children (9) RICHARDS

- i. Kathleen Elizabeth, b. Apr. 16, 1958
- ii. John Gordon Lippincott, b. Feb. 3, 1960, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; in 1982 he was an engineering student at the University of Waterloo, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
- iii. Andrew William, b. Nov. 15, 1964, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; in 1982 he was in Grade XIII at Appleby College, Oakville, Ontario, Canada

Reference: Dr. William L. Richards, 1581 Birchwood Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L5J 1T5, Canada

KATHLEEN ELIZABETH RICHARDS⁹, daughter of William Lippincott and Ellen Jean (Gillanders) Richards, was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 16, 1958. She was educated, Grades 9 through 13, in general arts and science at Branksome Hall School, Toronto; and at Erindale College, University of Toronto, where she received Honours (4 year) and a B.A. degree in English cum laude.

Her hobbies included reading, swimming, traveling, miniature-making, cooking, and walking. She received the Red Cross Leader's Award in swimming and St. John's Ambulance First Aid. Kathleen was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed piano, classical music, embroidery and canvas-work. Her interests included Canadian literature and history, Scottish and English history, and family genealogy (American and Canadian).

In 1982 she was an editorial assistant at Macmillan of Canada, Toronto, Ontario (a division of Gage Publishing Limited), and hoped eventually to become an editor at Macmillan.

Reference: Kathleen E. Richards, 1581 Birchwood Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L5J 1T5, Canada

ELIZABETH REBEKAH SPEER RICHARDS⁸, daughter of Edward Carrington Mayo and Elizabeth Veech (Coan) Richards, was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, May 22, 1922. In 1946 she was graduated from Antioch College with a B.A. degree in art. From 1946 until 1949 she attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She studied at the Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pennsylvania, from 1947 until 1949. In 1962 she received the degree of M.Ed. in art education from Pennsylvania State University. She also studied sculpture at the University of Arizona and art at Pima Community College, both in Tucson, Arizona.

Elizabeth's main interest was in sculpture, but she also enjoyed ceramics, drawing, and print-making. The Chester County Art Association, West Chester, Pennsylvania, awarded her two first prizes, as well as an honorable mention, in sculpture. Her sculpture and art work were shown at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and at the Rosequist Galleries, Tucson, Arizona, and were in private collections in the United States and Canada. She also won first prize at the Pima Community College juried art show in 1980. Her other interests and hobbies included hiking, swimming, wildlife, nature; peace-making and environmental concerns, the latter two of great importance to her.

Elizabeth was a Quaker and taught a religious education class at Pima Friends Meeting in Tucson, Arizona. During her career as an art instructor she taught at Haverford Friends School, Upland Country Day School, Germantown Friends School, and the Junior High School in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. In 1982 she lived in Tucson.

Reference: Elizabeth R. S. Richards, P. O. Box 5261, Tucson, AZ 85703

ANNETTE HOPE RICHARDS⁸, daughter of Edward Carrington Mayo and Elizabeth Veech (Coan) Richards, was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, May 5, 1924. She was graduated from Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, with a B.A. degree in English in 1946. March 23, 1957, in Tucson, Arizona, she married Hiram Lincoln Parent, who was born August 25, 1913, on the Isle of Pines, son of Leslie Wallace and Ella Lucinda (Coolidge) Parent. He was graduated from New York Ranger School.

Annette was a free-lance writer of non-fiction and an artist. Her articles were published in dozens of periodicals. She coined the word litterbug which first appeared in Natural History Magazine of May, 1952, and in Reader's Digest of August, 1952. She was a member of the National



Janet Stone Coan and Frank Speer Coan



Children of Frank and Janet Coan: (left to right) June Coan Dunbar, Nancie Somerville Coan, Stuart Frederick Gaylord Coan, Ellen Stone Coan Jawdat, Mary Frances Coan Nemtin.



*Frank and Janet Coan in front with
daughters Nancie (left) and Mary
Frances*



*Jack and June Coan
Dunbar*



*Ellen Stone Coan Jawdat and Nizar Ali
Jawdat*



*Stuart F. G. Coan and his father Frank Coan
Coan*

League of American Pen Women and won awards in its local and national contests. Her paintings also won awards and were in private collections all over the world. In June, 1982, in the Silver City Public Library the whole family had an exhibit of photographs and paintings. Annette was a Quaker and an attending Presbyterian in 1982. She enjoyed tennis, piano, swimming, and hiking.

Hiram worked for the National Park Service as a supervisory technician. He also was a free-lance wildlife photographer. In 1982 he was retired, and they lived in Silver City, New Mexico.

Children (9) PARENT

- i. Lawrence Edward, b. Apr. 26, 1959
- ii. Anne Mayo, b. Jan. 15, 1962, Tucson, Arizona; in 1982 a junior in environmental engineering at Swarthmore College.

Reference: Mrs. Hiram L. Parent, P. O. Box 1319, Silver City, NM 88062

LAWRENCE EDWARD PARENT⁹, son of Hiram Lincoln and Annette (Richards) Parent, was born in Espanola, New Mexico, April 26, 1959. He was graduated from Wasatch Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Utah, summa cum laude in 1977. In 1981 he received a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering with highest distinction from the University of Texas in Austin. His hobbies included photography, marathons, biking, mountain climbing, spelunking, and backpacking. In 1982 he lived in Amarillo, Texas, where he was employed as a petroleum engineer by Mesa Petroleum Company.

Reference: Mrs. Hiram L. Parent

FRANK SPEER⁷ COAN⁶ (Frederick G.⁵, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Urumia, Persia, March 26, 1889, the son of Frederick Gaylord and Ida Jane (Speer) Coan. He studied at Mercersburg Academy in 1907 and received an A.B. degree from Williams College in 1911. From 1911 until 1913 he was employed by E. S. Woodworth & Company, grain merchants in Minneapolis. In 1913-14 he attended Hartford Seminary and was a licensed Presbyterian minister in Hartford in 1914. In 1914-15 he was a student at New College, Edinburgh, and Mansfield College, Oxford. He was Y.M.C.A. secretary with the British Expeditionary Forces in Mesopotamia and India 1915-16. He then finished his course at Hartford Seminary and received his B.D. degree in 1917. In 1917-18 he was Y.M.C.A. secretary with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. September 21, 1918, in Hartford, Connecticut, he married Janet Tryon Stone, who was

born February 11, 1889, in Hartford, the daughter of George F. Stone.

From 1919 until 1931 he was Y.M.C.A. secretary in Lahore and Hyderabad (Decean), India. He returned to the United States in 1931 and was a free lance lecturer on international affairs until 1934. From 1935 until 1942 he was general secretary of the English-Speaking Union of the United States. In 1942 he was employed by the Office of War Information as a Near and Middle East Expert.

He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and in 1918 was awarded the British General Service Medal. Janet had many friends, people of all ages and backgrounds, and carried on an extensive very personal correspondence. She loved books and all the arts: dance, theater, music, crafts, architecture, paintings, etc. Frank and Janet spent their summers at their home on Luce Hill in Stowe, Vermont. Frank died in 1975. Janet died in Washington, D. C., January 29, 1982, at the age of almost 93.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Mary Frances, b. Sept. 28, 1919
- ii. Ellen Stone, b. Aug. 25, 1921
- iii. Stuart Frederick Gaylord, b. Aug. 1, 1923
- iv. Nancie Somerville, b. Oct. 24, 1924
- v. Janet Speer, b. Aug. 2, 1927

Reference: Archives, Hartford Seminary, 77 Sherman Street, Hartford, CT 06105

Who's Who in America 1946-47 (Chicago: A. N. Marquis Company, 1946), Vol. 24, p. 448.
Léonie M. Coan Dunlap

MARY FRANCES⁸ COAN (Frank S.⁷, Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Lahore, Punjab, India, September 28, 1919, the daughter of Frank Speer and Janet Tryon (Stone) Coan. She received a B.A. degree in history of art from Bryn Mawr College in 1941. She married first Ken Lockhart. She married second December 23, 1959, in Nazales, Mexico, Stephen Maurice Nemtin, son of Max and Tina Nemtin. He was graduated from McGill University and was an architect with the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.

Mary was a landscape designer in the architectural firm of Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and a staff member in the School of Architecture. She cared for all the extensive gardens at Taliesin West, Scottsdale, Arizona; and Taliesin, Spring Green, Wisconsin, unique architectural communities founded by Frank Lloyd Wright. These were her home as well as place of work. Her interests included gardening, pottery, chamber music, and singing. She said she "played a poor but enthusiastic viola" in Taliesin's chamber ensemble and sang in Taliesin's chorus. From 1973 until 1977 she and Stephen



Mary Frances Coan Nemtin



Brian Lockhart



Stephen Maurice Nemtin



Leslie Lockhart Bisharat



Ellen Coan Jawdat



Nizar Ali Jawdat



Kumait Jawdat

were in Iran supervising Taliesin-commissioned buildings in Tehran and Chalus on the Caspian. She wrote the compiler: "It was a great thrill to see Iran's fine old architecture and to visit my father's childhood home in Rezaiyeh; also to renew my ties with the Middle East."

Children (9) LOCKHART

- i. Brian, b. Dec. 26, 1946, Lakeland, Fla.; m. Larison Graham; two daughters: Nijone, b. Sept. 11, 1976, and Skye, b. Dec. 14, 1980
- ii. Leslie, b. Nov. 4, 1948, Lakeland, Fla.; m. William Bisharat; two sons: Haitham, b. Aug. 7, 1978, and Raja, b. Sept. 12, 1980

Reference: Mrs. Stephen M. Nemtin, Taliesin West, Scottsdale, AZ 85261; Teliesin, Spring Green, WI 53588

ELLEN⁸ STONE⁴ COAN³ (Frank⁷ S., Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Srinagar, Kashhir, India, August 25, 1921, the daughter of Frank Speer and Janet Tryon (Stone) Coan. She was graduated from Vassar College with a B.A. degree in art history in 1942; from Harvard Graduate School of Design with a B. Arch. degree in 1946 and a M. Arch. in 1976.

August 18, 1946, in Arlington, Virginia, she married Nizar Ali Jawdat, who was born in Damascus, Syria, October 3, 1920, the son of Ali Jawdat Al Ayoubi, born in Mosul, Iraq, and Nazik Jawdat (née Tahseen), born in Aleppo, Syria. He was educated at Westminster School, London, England; Cambridge University; American University of Beirut, Lebanon; and Harvard Graduate School of Design where he received the degrees of B. Arch. and M. Arch. Nazik was a business man and Ellen, a self-employed artist.

Ellen described her life and interests to the compiler as follows:

Architecture

I have been practicing architecture off and on since 1947--with a full practice mostly in public buildings in Bagdad (my husband's home) until the revolution of 1958, and between 1964 and 1968 when we were again living in Iraq. In Rome, Italy, where we were from 1959 until 1963 (between revolutions), and in Orte where we eventually acquired in 1969 a splendid large tract of farm and woodland overlooking the Tiber, my work was largely in converting old farmhouses and building new country houses. In 1975 my husband's work took us to London, where we live in a converted Victorian tea warehouse on the Thames near the Tower of London. I have done several other renovations of both

houses and offices in London. The sixteenth century farm in Italy, though, is where we feel most at home; and we spend as much time as possible there. In collaboration with the Architects Collaborative I have designed an office building in Abu Dhabi.

Art

London has provided ample opportunity for me to indulge my interest in paintings, and I have gradually built up a sizeable collection of oils, etchings, and water colors in a wide range of styles (mostly European XVIII and XIX century), some of which I have been able to clean and restore myself, and which I hope will one day form the basis of a gallery in the U.S.A.

Publications

An article on Alexander Calder, published in the Vassar Review, 1942

Several articles on Modern Architecture in the Middle East for the Architectural Review, London, c. 1956

I am now working on editing a vast collection of letters from five generations of my mother's New England ancestors, beginning in 1797.

A walker's guide to Istanbul is also in the works.

Languages and Travel

By living for long periods in many countries (India, America, Iraq, Lebanon, Italy, England), I have acquired an insatiable love of hearing, and if possible using, a variety of languages and of travel. We all speak English, Arabic, Italian, and French, and my husband's family have Turkish as well. Though our life has been a series of upheavals, revolutions, uprootings, and starting again, we have, I think, acquired a certain flexibility of cultural outlook and an appreciation of the various societies we have been a part of.

Children (9) JAWDAT four sons

- i. Kumait Nizar Ali, b. Sept. 29, 1947, Baghdad, Iraq
- ii. Zaidun, b. Apr. 12, 1949, Baghdad, Iraq
- iii. Rakan, b. Sept. 18, 1951, Baghdad, Iraq
- iv. Hammad, b. Nov. 1, 1955, Baghdad, Iraq

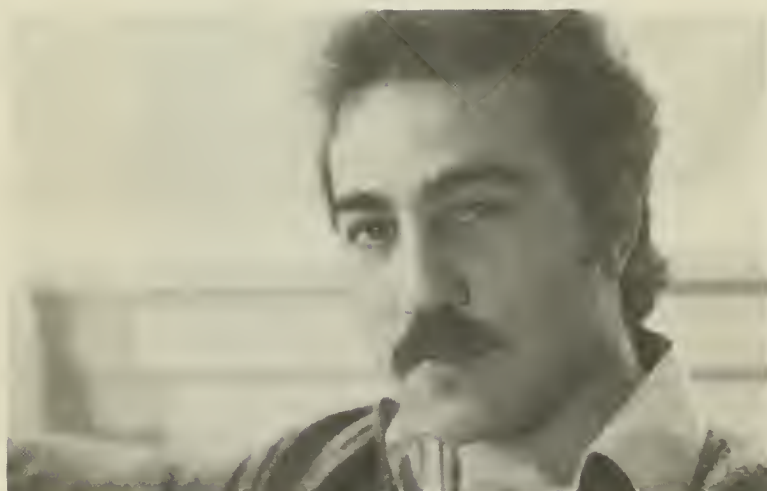
Reference: Mrs. Nizar A. Jawdat, 4C Oliver's Wharf, 64 Wapping High Street, London, E19PL, England; 1 Barca di S. Francesco, Orte Scalo, Provincia di Viterbo, 01029 Italy



Zaidun Jawdat



Hammad Jawdat



Rakan Jawdat



The Stuart Frederick Gaylord Coan family: (left to right) Christian Speer Coan, Lucy Willette Coan, Peter Frederick Gaylord Coan, Rachel Bishop Coan Zeche, Stephen Zeche, Mary Willette Bishop Coan, Stuart.



Nancie Somerville Coan

KUMAIT NIZAR ALI JAWDAT⁹, son of Nizar Ali and Ellen Stone (Coan) Jawdat, was born in Baghdad, Iraq, September 29, 1947. He received his primary education at Ta'sisiyya School, Baghdad; his secondary education at Parioli International Day School in Rome (2 years), Western Junior High School, in Bethesda, Maryland (1 year), and at Aiglon College, in Chesières-sur-Villars, Switzerland (5 years). In 1970 he was graduated from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, with a B.A. degree in economics. In 1971 he was graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, with an M.A. degree in anthropology. Kumait was accepted by New York University, New York City, in their doctoral program, but remained just one term (1972). He then did post-graduate work at the New School for Social Research, New York City, and at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

He was a member of the Middle East Institute in Washington, D. C., and the Association of Arab-American University Graduates in Belmont, Massachusetts. His hobbies included motorcycles, carpentry and house remodeling, and all forms of flight. He was also interested in Islamic and Arab history, English literature, Arabic literature, writing in all its forms, psychopathology, films and the theater.

From 1971 until 1980 he was with Time-Life Books in New York City and Alexandria, Virginia. In 1982 he was an independent writer and working on his own book.

Reference: Kumait N. Jawdat, 800 Parkway Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22302

ZAIDUN JAWDAT⁹, son of Nizar Ali and Ellen Stone (Coan) Jawdat, was born in Baghdad, Iraq, April 12, 1949. He was graduated from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, in 1971 with a B.A. degree in sociology and from the University of California, Davis, with a J.D. degree in 1975. July 3, 1978, in California he married Karin Hern, who was born in California June 27, 1950, daughter of Paul and Alma (Bertoli) Hern. Karin was graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a B.A. degree in criminology in 1972 and from the University of California, Davis, with a J.D. degree in 1976.

In 1982 Zaidun was a lawyer with the firm of Bechtel Civil & Minerals, Inc., in San Francisco; and Karin was a lawyer at Herrick Hospital in Berkeley.

Reference: Zaidun Jawdat, 8162 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530

RAKAN JAWDAT⁹, son of Nizar Ali and Ellen Stone (Coan) Jawdat, was born in Baghdad, Iraq, September 18, 1951. In 1974 he was graduated from the American University of Beirut,

Lebanon, with a B.A. degree in fine arts. On March 18, 1978, in Fairfax, Virginia, he married Fadia Haddad, who was born in Beirut, Lebanon, November 23, 1952, daughter of Basim Adib and Samia (Malak) Haddad. Fadia was graduated from the American University at Beirut with a B.A. degree in fine arts in 1974. She also was awarded an M.S. degree in communications design by Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York.

In 1982 Rakan and Fadia owned and operated their own graphic design firm, Novus Visual Communications, Inc., at 18 West 27th Street, New York City. Rakan had many hobbies and interests, among them art, films, sports, politics, photography, electronic and mechanical gadgets, people, food and wine, and travel.

Reference: Rakan Jawdat, 201 West 70th Street, Apt. 10 L, New York, NY 10023.

HAMMAD JAWDAT⁹, son of Nizar Ali and Ellen Stone (Coan) Jawdat, was born in Baghdad, Iraq, November 1, 1955. He was graduated from California State University, Hayward, with a B.S. degree in biology in 1979. His hobbies and interests included photography and jazz guitar. In 1982 he was a journalist-managing editor of the Daily American in Rome, Italy.

Reference: Hammad Jawdat, 3 Via Barberini, Rome, Italy

STUART FREDERICK GAYLORD⁸ COAN (Frank S.⁷, Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Srinagar, Kasamir, India, August 1, 1923, son of Frank Speer and Janet Tryon (Stone) Coan. In 1947 he was graduated cum laude from Williams College with a B.A. degree in political science. In 1948 he received an M.A. degree with distinction from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. From 1951 until 1954 he was a candidate for a Ph.D. degree at Columbia University. He was awarded a graduate fellowship for a year's study in France, 1952-1953.

Stuart worked for the State Department, Washington, D. C. 1948-1951; he was an instructor in political science at Queens College, New York City, 1954-1956; he was employed in industry in New York City as foreign economist, market research director, and consultant with Texaco, Mobil, Burlington Industries, Indian Head, and Cresap, McCormick and Page, 1956-1975. From 1975 until 1981 he was director of development for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in New York City. Of this position he wrote:

One of my more unusual jobs was with the NAACP national office in New York where I was the first full-time fund raiser that organization had ever had. Of course, I was one of the few white people there, but

color mattered very little with people who were dedicated to their work. I came to respect and know a number of outstanding people (notably Roy Wilkins) and am proud of the help I was able to give in greatly increasing corporate support for the organization. I am sure that the old missionary traditions of the family played a big part in my attitude.

In 1982 Stuart was director of corporate relations (fund raiser) for Save the Children, Westport, Connecticut.

On June 26, 1954, in New York City Stuart married Mary Willette Bishop, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, January 12, 1928, daughter of Richard E. and Ruth Amelia (Trueblood) Bishop. Mary was graduated in 1950 from Smith College with a B.A. degree in French; and from New York University in 1981 with an M.A. degree in French language and civilization. She taught French.

From 1943 until 1946 Stuart was with the United States Air Force and the United States Army in the Ardennes, West Europe, and Germany campaigns where he was a private first class with the 8th Armored Division.

His hobbies included tennis, bridge, and hiking. He was a member of the Democratic party and from 1976 until 1979 was a director of junior sailing at Old Greenwich Yacht Club.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Rachel Bishop, b. Feb. 9, 1955
- ii. Christian Speer, b. June 26, 1957, New York City; B.A., 1982, Columbia University
- iii. Peter Frederick Gaylord, b. June 2, 1961, New York City; junior at Middlebury College, 1982
- iv. Lucy Willette, b. Mar. 15, 1963, New York City; sophomore, Brown University, 1982

Reference: Stuart F. G. Coan, 83 Indian Field Road, Greenwich, CT 06830

⁹RACHEL⁶ BISHOP⁵ COAN⁴ (Stuart F. G.⁸, Frank S.⁷, Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in New York, New York, February 9, 1955, daughter of Stuart Frederick Gaylord and Mary Willette (Bishop) Coan. In 1977 she was graduated from Smith College with a B.A. degree in history. From 1977 until 1981 she worked as a litigation paralegal at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City. In 1982 she was studying at Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey, and had an anticipated graduation date of June, 1984. Upon graduating from Rutgers, she planned to practice law in New York City and to use her maiden name professionally.

On August 22, 1982, in Greenwich, Connecticut, she married Stephen Zeche, who was born in New York, New York, May 17, 1942, son of Benjamin and Elsie (Offenburger) Zeche. In 1963 Stephen was graduated from New York University with a B.A. degree in history and economics, and in 1966 received an LL.B degree from Yale University School of Law. He served in the United States Coast Guard Reserves 1966-1971. In 1982 he was an attorney specializing in trusts and estates.

Rachel enjoyed choral singing. She sang in the Smith College Glee Club and toured Europe with the Smith College Chamber Singers. She also sang intermittently in New York. For twelve years she studied the flute and then taught the flute privately. Her other interests included bicycling and power volleyball; she played on the Smith College team. Rachel was a member of Rutgers Law Review.

Children (10) ZECHE

By Stephen's first marriage

i. Elisabeth, b. Jan. 4, 1976, Norwalk, Conn.

Reference: Mrs. Stephen Zeche, 240 East 35th Street, New York, NY 10016

NANCIE SOMERVILLE⁸ COAN (Frank² S.⁷, Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Hartford, Connecticut, October 24, 1924, the daughter of Frank Speer and Janet Tryon (Stone) Coan. She received her early education in schools in Hartford and in Princeton, New Jersey. In 1945 she was graduated from Vassar College with a B.A. degree in dramatic production. After college she acted and worked backstage in little theater groups. From 1952 until 1958 she was employed in Baghdad, Iraq. In 1982 she was director of Bethel, Maine, Summer Programs and promotion editor for the NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science in Arlington, Virginia.

Nancie enjoyed hiking and covered a great deal of the Appalachian Trail in New England and Virginia. She also enjoyed music and in 1982 was a member of two small amateur choral groups. She lived then in Washington, D.C.

Reference: Nancie S. Coan, 1837 Summit Place, NW, Washington, D. C. 20009

JANET SPEER⁸ COAN (Frank² S.⁷, Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born August 2, 1927, in Kashmir, India, the daughter of Frank Speer and Janet Tryon (Stone) Coan. She was graduated from Vassar with an A.B. degree in 1948. March 12, 1949, in Princeton, New Jersey, she married Jack Dunbar, who was born August 4, 1924,

in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of William and Alice (Gsell) Dunbar. He was graduated from Rhodes High School in Cleveland and attended the Institute of Design in Chicago.

Janet legally changed her name from Janet Speer (Coan) Dunbar to June Dunbar. In 1982 she was associate director, Lincoln Center Institute, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, 140 W. 65th Street, New York City. Jack was a designer and partner of the interior design firm of DePolo/Dunbar, Inc., 330 W. 42nd Street, New York City.

June's interests included the arts, education, cooking, gardening, travel, as well as friends--old and young. She always was an active Vassar alumna and served as 25th Reunion Fund chairman. She also was president of her class for eight years. She acted as informal advisor to a number of boards of small dance companies and was on the dance panel of the New York State Council on the Arts for three years.

Reference: Mrs. Jack Dunbar, 128 W. 88 Street, New York, NY 10024

KATHARINE COCHRAN⁷ COAN (Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Urumia, Persia, November 22, [23], 1895, the daughter of Frederick Gaylord and Ida Jane (Speer) Coan, missionaries. Katharine lived in Persia until 1910 except for a year's furlough back to the United States in 1903 and a short time spent in London 1907 so her mother could undergo surgery. She lived with her family and other missionary families in Urumia in a compound called the "Kullah," meaning fortress because of its thick, high walls and two heavy gates, which were guarded night and day as protection against bands of predatory tribes called Kurds. The Kurds would swoop down on the villages stealing anything they could get their hands on, usually sheep and cattle. The compound had a hospital, a boys' boarding school, and a number of stables since horses were the means of transportation. The missionaries kept chickens and a few cows, their only source of milk and butter. The supply of the latter two was irregular; and when none was produced, families went without since there was none for sale anywhere. The river that flowed past the compound was used for irrigation for gardens and orchards. There was no running water, electricity, or gas; candles and kerosene lamps were their lights.

Saturday night was bath night. Katharine's family used a big rubber tub about four feet in diameter, and water was warmed by the kitchen stove. Their house had a flat roof where they slept in summer. There was no need for a covering since it never rained. In the basement under the house, wood, which was their sole source of energy, was stored. Since they had no refrigeration, perishable food was stored there too. Milk was poured into pans and put on screened shelves. Bunches of grapes were hung from nails in the

rafters. Nuts, melons, potatoes, quinces, and celery were stored here, as well as flour and "ghee" (clarified butter used as shortening) which were in very large jars kept along the wall. All the vegetables they ate were grown in their own gardens. There were wonderful local fruits, such as apricots, peaches, plums, cherries, nectarines, and melons. Persia is noted for its fruit. Any meat they had, a servant had to go to the city on horseback to buy, and it was usually lamb. They had no fish, unless someone caught a few trout in the mountains; and they ate chicken often.

For bread they raised hops for yeast; Katharine's father bought wheat by the donkey load; servants washed it in the stream, spread it on carpets to dry, sifted through it for impurities, and then took it to the miller's to be ground into flour. A servant stayed at the mill when the wheat was being ground to see that the miller did not cheat them. From this wheat they made all their own bread.

Each house had a laundry, a small building built over part of a stream deep enough to dip out water with a pail. In these bathhouses or "humum" were fireplaces where a caldron of water could be heated. Native washerwomen, using a washboard, would scrub the clothes, rinse them in the stream, and hang them up to dry.

Katharine looked forward to the arrival of "boxes," goods shipped by friends and relatives from the States. Her family also ordered from a Montgomery Ward catalog. Her mother made all their clothes, even her father's suits. Shoes were a problem; for although Katharine's mother sent tracings of their feet to a cousin in New York City, the method was inexact; and the shoes were usually too tight. It took six months for packages to arrive, so often their feet had grown a little by then. Breaking in shoes was a process all the children dreaded.

School was carried on at Katharine's home with the missionaries as teachers. All the children learned to speak the local dialect, Syriac, with fluency. There were about 300 people in the compound, 50 Americans and 12 missionary children, so Katharine had plenty of playmates. Often, however, families were sent home. Parting with such close friends was not easy. Letters from abroad were of great importance, and the arrival of mail was a big occasion.

Holidays were always festive. Thanksgiving was celebrated much as it was in the States. At Christmas, since there were no evergreen trees, Katharine's parents hid the Christmas gifts in the parlor, and the children were let loose after breakfast to find them. In Persia, Easter was more important than Christmas, and presents were exchanged at that time too. Fourth of July was a big holiday celebrated in Katharine's father's garden. A rug was spread over the grape arbor with a tablecloth on it; and while they ate fried chicken, they sang patriotic songs. The children had all kinds of pets, but Katharine's favorite was her horse, Kid.

In 1903 Katharine's father took his tenth-year furlough and returned to the United States with his family. They set out with a caravan of horses, a camel, and sometimes a donkey. It took five days to reach the Aras River between Transcaucasia and Persia. For a fee strong men carried them and their belongings across the river. Once on the other side, they transferred to two large covered wagons called "phaetons," drawn by four horses abreast. The horses had to be changed at post houses every two or three hours. The scenery along the way was breath-taking as their journey went through the Caucasus with Mt. Ararat in constant view.

At Tiflis they took a train for the ten-day trip to Moscow. It was the first train ride for the children. From Moscow they proceeded to St. Petersburg, and then on to Riga on the Baltic Sea. A steamer took them across to Sweden. It was a rough trip and Katharine was seasick. After crossing the Baltic, they went up the Gotha Canal, with all its 107 locks, almost to Stockholm. After visits to Stockholm and Oslo, Norway, they went on to Berlin. Her father took the three older children up the Rhine while she and her brother Howard stayed in Berlin with their mother. They went to the park and zoological gardens every day. Katharine got a real thrill seeing the Kaiser's magnificent horses exercised there every afternoon. From Berlin they went to London, and then boarded a steamer from Southampton to the United States. They spent the year in Wooster, Ohio, with their grandmother. Their father was off on speaking tours to tell people about his work in Persia and to raise funds for its continuation.

In 1907 Katharine spent time in London and went to school there while her mother was ill. When her mother was well enough to leave the hospital, they spent a month at Margate on the North Sea. Their return trip to Persia was via Paris, Marseilles, Naples, Athens, Smyrna, Constantinople, and Bartum. Then they crossed the Aras River into Persia.

In 1910 Katharine left Urumia for the last time. She traveled to the States with Dr. Shedd and his family. He was ill with tuberculosis, and doctors advised him to winter in Switzerland. Katharine and the Shedd girls went to a French-speaking school for seven months, a great opportunity for her to learn French. When she arrived in the United States, she visited her sister, a month before Elizabeth's graduation from Wellesley. She then went to Williams College to see her brother Frank graduate.

Katharine made her home with friends in Minneapolis and went to high school there. She was graduated from Wellesley in 1918. June 16, 1923, she married Fred Pillsbury Carleton, who was born in Minneapolis August 19, 1898. They lived in the Minneapolis area and at their farm in the Kinnickinnic Valley near River Falls, Wisconsin. Although Katharine returned to Persia twice on tours, it was never possible to revisit her old home in Urumia. Fred died in Denver, Colorado, October 15, 1952.

Children (8) CARLETON

- i. Frank Henry, b. June 2, 1924
- ii. John Little, b. Jan. 3, 1937
- iii. Anne Whittier, b. July 7, 1929
- iv. Fred Pillsbury, Jr., b. Nov. 9, 1930
- v. Joseph, b. Mar. 19, 1933; m. Ruth Grimley

Reference: Katharine Coan Carleton, Memoirs of My Childhood in Persia 1895-1910 (n.p., 1979).
Genealogical data (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap)
Virginia Coan Wiles, The Coan Family of America, Vol. II, p. 9.

FRANK HENRY CARLETON⁸, the son of Fred Pillsbury and Katharine Cochran (Coan) Carleton, was born June 2, 1924. He married Barbara Collins June 17, 1948.

Children (9) CARLETON

- i. Frank H., b. Nov. 23, 1952
- ii. Julia, b. Mar. 10, 1954
- iii. Barry N., b. Nov. 10, 1956

Reference: Genealogical data (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap).

ANNE WHITTIER CARLETON⁸, the daughter of Fred Pillsbury and Katharine Cochran (Coan) Carleton, was born July 7, 1929. She married Arthur W. Proctor, Jr., July 11, 1964.

Children (9) PROCTOR

- i. Ellen
- ii. Margaret, b. May 18, 1967

Reference: Wiles, Coan Family, p. 9.

FRED PILLSBURY CARLETON, JR.⁸, the son of Fred Pillsbury and Katharine Cochran (Coan) Carleton, was born November 9, 1930. September 12, 1964, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he married Mary Ann Settle.

Children (9) CARLETON

- i. Margaret Settle

Reference: Wiles, Coan Family, p. 9.



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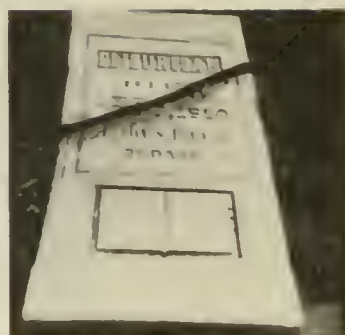


Elizabeth Speer Coan

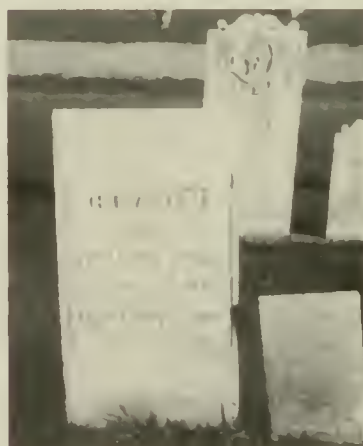


Frederick Gaylord Coan III

Tower, Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York, built in memory of men in Orleans County who died in defense of the Union. William Harrison Coan is listed on a marble tablet within the tower.



Elizur Coan stone broken and lying on the ground Lynhaven Cemetery, Lyndonville, New York. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.



Mrs. Sylvanus Coan's stone was one of a group of stones moved from a cemetery in center of Medina, New York, to Boxwood Cemetery on the outskirts. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.

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STATE OF IOWA.

Bond and Mortgage

Daniel M. ^{and} Mary Propst
TO
Ezra T. Coann

NOTE

DATE, *November 1st 1873*
DUE, *November 1st 1875*

Principal and Interest Payable at the
Banking House of *E. T. Coann*

Albion, New York
Interest Payable
May 1st
and
November 1st
OF EACH YEAR.

NEGOTIATED BY
GEO. W. FRANK & DARROW,
CORNING, IOWA

Bond and Mortgage to Ezra T. Coann. Courtesy collection of Edward M. Coan.

HOWARD RADCLIFFE⁷ COAN (Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Urumia, Persia, May 13, 1898, son of Frederick Gaylord and Ida Jane (Speer) Coan, missionaries. For details on his early life, see write-up on his sister, Katharine Cochran Coan.

In 1921 he was graduated from Williams College Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude, as well as being very active in all student affairs. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Varsity Track Team, the Varsity Cross Country Team, the Varsity Debating Team and Delta Sigma Rho; editor-in-chief of the Handbook, vice-president of Adelpic Union, president of Cercle Français, Class Day Orator to the Lower Classes, and on the staffs of the Record and the class book. His second year at Williams he was awarded Sophomore Honors, the Second Benedict Prize in French, and Honorable Mention for the Benedict Prize in Mathematics. These were just a few of his many activities and honors.

In 1932 he received an M.A. degree in French from Columbia University, New York City. For nearly fifty years (interrupted by service in both World Wars), he was an educator, teaching French by preference, but also English, Spanish, Latin and mathematics, as well as coaching tennis. He taught at Forman Christian College, Lahore University, Lahore, India; Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire; Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School, Brooklyn, New York, with a year on exchange at Shrewsbury School, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England; Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; with a final five years at Suffield Academy, Suffield, Connecticut.

During World War I he served in France as a volunteer in the American Ambulance Field Service, the French Foyer du Soldat, and at Officers Training School in Georgia. In World War II he was trained in OSS near Washington and, landing in England on D Day, served in London with the assimilated rank of major, through V E Day. He then joined UNRRA and served as director of personnel in Haaren, Holland, and Brussels, Belgium, until August, 1946.

On December 20, 1947, in Washington, D. C., he married Nancie Knight, who was born in England March 28, 1917, daughter of Ernest and Edith Knight. She received her education in England and during World War II served as an air raid warden there. She was a violinist and enjoyed music, as well as gardening, sewing, gourmet cooking, and tennis.

Howard's interests included tennis, photography, gardening, and history--especially of World War I and World War II. He traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Europe; as well as making four trips between Persia and America, and a round trip to India, traveling there and in Kashmir. He was a mountain climber and conquered Mont Blanc, 15,771 feet, the Alps; Popocatepetl, 17,887 feet and Citlaltepétl (Orizaba), 18,700 feet, Mexico; and Long's Peak in Colorado. During the summers of 1936,

1937, and 1939 he was leader in France of groups in the Experiment in International Living. He was a member of the American Association of Teachers of French and a deacon in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of West Hartford, Connecticut.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Elizabeth Speer, b. Oct. 8, 1950
- ii. Frederick Gaylord, III, b. May 24, 1953

Reference: Howard R. Coan, 88 Ridgewood Road, West Hartford, CT 06107

Classbook, 1921, and yearbook, Gulielmsonian, published by the Class of 1922, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

ELIZABETH SPEER⁸ COAN⁷ (Howard R.⁷, Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Pontiac, Michigan, October 3, 1950, daughter of Howard Radcliffe and Nancie (Knight) Coan. She was educated at Kingswood School, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; McDuffie School, Springfield, Massachusetts; and was graduated magna cum laude from Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts. She was a teacher of art, TASIS, England, an American school near London, where she coached tennis and field hockey. She was a member of Connecticut Women Artists. Her interests and hobbies included art (several media), tennis, field hockey, skiing, and travel.

Reference: Howard R. Coan

FREDERICK GAYLORD⁸ COAN, III (Howard R.⁷, Frederick G.⁶, George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Pontiac, Michigan, May 24, 1953, son of Howard Radcliffe and Nancie (Knight) Coan. He received his education at Renbrook School, West Hartford, Connecticut; Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; and Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. In 1982 he was employed in landscaping and tree work. He enjoyed all sports, especially skiing, tennis, and hockey. At Middlebury he won the M award in hockey.

Reference: Howard R. Coan

HENRY EZRA FRANKLIN⁶ COAN⁵, Frank (George W.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Persia January 15, 1860, the son of George Whitefield and Sarah (Power) Kip Coan, missionaries. He grew up in the missionary compound outside Urumia and received his early education from his

mother, who taught her own and other missionary children. In 1864 when his father had a year's furlough, Frank returned to the United States with his mother and brothers. They spent that year in Hudson, New York, their mother's birthplace. In 1874 the family returned permanently to the United States and by the fall of 1875 had settled in Niles, Michigan, where Frank and his brother Frederick went to high school. Frank was graduated from Williams College with an A.B. degree in 1884. He then enrolled at Princeton to study medicine.

July 1, 1885, Frank attended his brother Frederick's wedding in Wooster, Ohio. After the wedding on his way East he went to Wheeling, West Virginia, to visit his fiancée. While in Wheeling, he became ill and died there July 15, 1885. He was buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York, along with his father and older brother Edward.

The following is taken from 50 Year Record, Class of 1884, Princeton University, 1934:

Coan joined our class in Junior year.

Well born, well nurtured, well developed, well directed, on the way to fame and fortune, with the good will of everybody and the heart-felt affection of all who knew him, our Coan died. He lived only two years after graduation [really only one year]. He was the first of our graduates to die. He took up the study of medicine but died before completing his course.

Reference: Frederick G. Coan, Yesterdays in Persia and Kurdistan (Claremont, Cal.: Saunders Studio Press, 1939), p. 40.

Titus Munson Coan's genealogical notes (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap).

Gravestone, Lots #164, #165, Mountain Avenue, Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N. Y.

CHARLOTTE FIDELIA⁵ COAN (Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Byron, New York, April 8, 1822, the daughter of Ezra and Fanny Maria (Hull) Coan. She married the Reverend William B. Fancher of Homer, Michigan.

Children (6) FANCHER

- i. Isaac David, b. Sept. 10, 1841, Byron, N. Y.: d. Sept. 13, 1841
- ii. Harriet Maria, b. Aug. 28, 1849, Byron, N. Y.
- iii. Sarah Louisa, b. Aug. 11, 1852

Reference: Titus Munson Coan's genealogical notes (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap).

HENRY MARTAIN⁵ COAN (Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Byron, New York, June 15, 1824, the son of Ezra and Fannie Maria (Hull) Coan. He married Mary Huntington Meaching. He died October 11, 1876, and was buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York. Mary was also buried there.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Edward, b. Dec. 2, 1853, Byron, N. Y.; d. Dec. 2, 1853
- ii. Henry Huntington, b. Oct. 12, 1855, Byron, N. Y.; d. Apr. 8, 1860
- iii. Helen Eliza, b. Dec. 20, 1859, Byron, N. Y.
- iv. William Bigelow, b. Oct. 12, 1862, Byron, N. Y.; d. Nov. 17, 1863
- v. Herbert Hull, b. May 15, 1868, Niles, Mich.; lived in Los Angeles, California, in 1938

Reference: Titus Munson Coan's genealogical notes (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap)
Gravestone, Lots #164, #165, Mountain Ave., Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N. Y.
Death Certificate of Helen E. Coan

HELEN ELIZA⁶ COAN (Henry M.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Byron, New York, December 20, 1859, the daughter of Henry Martain and Mary Huntington (Meaching) Coan. Helen was an artist--a painter in oil, watercolor, and the "new technique" of watercolor-crayon. She was a pupil of the Art Students League of New York, of Frederick Freer, of William M. Case and of Dow. Her work, "Pomegranites," was exhibited at the World's Fair in 1893. At the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition held in Seattle in 1909 she won medals for oil and watercolor. At the San Diego Exposition in 1915 she won a medal and a diploma. Her work, "Capistrano Mission," was owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution, California Chapter, and presented by them to their headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Graphic magazines of February 3, 1906; April 20, 1907; October 17, 1908; and September 24, 1910, carried articles about Helen. I quote from the 1906 article, an interview the author, Catherine Robertson Hamlin, had with Helen:

A new style of painting known to the initiated as "water color crayon," is attracting the attention of artists, who find in the bold crayon strokes, with soft underlying tints of water colors, something they have sought, and which is capable of untold variation, and may be used for many purposes. Miss Helen E. Coan, who is the only artist in Los Angeles who is using the new medium, told me something of the process a few days ago, as I sat with her in the "attic studio" in the

Cumnock School in South Figueroa Street. The studio takes in the whole top floor of the building, and resembles more the attic of a modern novel than the workshops of those who wield brush and pencil. Miss Coan is a dainty, little woman, and is filled with love of her vocation...

"Tell me something of the new system, please, Miss Coan," I urged, returning to the water color crayon.

"It is excellent for book illustrating," Miss Coan informed me. "It gives the necessary color, with the firm, broad lines that are needed to throw out the main figures. It is quite a recent process; combining the quality of charcoal with color gives a complex result we do not get separately. Jessie Wilcox Smith uses this medium in her charming pictures of children, and Jules Guerin is another artist who is fond of the novelty."

"Then it is confined to illustrating of various kinds?"

"No, it is used for all purposes where color or charcoal may be used. I may say that the pictures are selling so well that I have hardly any to show a visitor. After the work is done it is necessary to have the pictures put through a press, and in that way it is something like an etching,"...

In 1907 Helen opened her new studio at 204 N. Burlington Avenue in Los Angeles. In 1910 she opened an art school at the local YWCA. She had many exhibits of her work.

Her memberships included the California Art Club, the Newspaper Artist Association of New York, and the Press Club of Southern California. She died in Los Angeles October 14, 1938.

Reference: J. L. Collins, Women Artists in America (no pub., 1973), no paging.

Death Certificate, Vital Records, Room 10, Hall of Records, 227 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Mantle Fielding, Dictionary of American Painters, Sculptors, and Engravers (Greens Farm, Conn.: Modern Books and Crafts, Inc., 1926), p. 70.

Catherine Robertson Hamlin, "Los Angeles Women at Home, XII: Miss Helen E. Coan," Graphic, February 3, 1906, pp. 4, 5.

Nancy Dustin Wall Mours, Dictionary of Art and Artists in Southern California (Los Angeles: Dustin Publishers, 1975), pp. 47, 48.

EZRA TITUS⁵ COAN (Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Byron, New York, March 25, 1829, the son of Ezra and Fanny Maria (Hull) Coan. He was brought up on his father's farm until at age 14 he went to Albion where his older brother George was teaching school. He attended the academy.

He worked in a store until he was 21; and then he succeeded his employer, Thomas Fanning, in business. At about this time he changed the spelling of his last name by adding another n in an effort to secure correct pronunciation. His two children kept that spelling, but no one else among the Coans ever adopted it.

From 1850 to 1868 he continued in the mercantile business and then sold out. During the Civil War he was elected to the office of county treasurer and to Governor Morgan's Military Committee for the purpose of raising and organizing troops for the service. Ezra was secretary of the committee, and it was part of his responsibility to raise funds for the payment of bounties, for which county bonds were issued.

In 1869 he closed out his business, and with his family toured Europe for a year and a half. When he returned to Albion, he established a banking house, known as Coann's Bank, one of the stable financial institutions of the country. Ezra was a very successful business man. He was a staunch Republican, but he never sought public office.

February 10, 1852, he married Marcia H. Clement of Genesee, who was born in 1826 and died in March, 1899. Ezra died in 1900. Both Ezra and Marcia were buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York.

Children (6) COANN

- i. Fannie Clement, b. June 2, 1853
- ii. Pearl Clement (a son), b. July 31, 1855

Reference: Gravestone, Lots #164, #165, Mountain Avenue, Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N. Y.

Isaac S. Signor, ed., Landmarks of Orleans County, New York, 2 vols. (Syracuse, N. Y.: D. Mason & Company, 1894), p. 26.

PEARL CLEMENT⁶ COANN (Ezra T.⁵, Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Albion, New York, July 31, 1855, the son of Ezra T. and Marcia H. (Clement) Coann. In 1890 he bought the Weekly News, a very successful Albion publication, although only two years old. When Pearl bought it, it had reached the eight-column quarto size. He operated it for awhile and then sold it to publish and edit the Albion Free Lance, a weekly publication.

He married Ethel James, who was born in 1877 and died in 1917. Pearl died in 1910. They were both buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York. On the top of Pearl's stone was engraved the word Dick. On the top of Ethel's stone was Mrs. Dick.

Reference: Gravestone, Lot #309, Yew Walk, Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N. Y.

Signor, Landmarks of Orleans County, p. 149.

SARAH AMELIA⁵ COAN (Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Byron, New York, March 14, 1834, the daughter of Ezra and Fannie Maria (Hull) Coan. She married Henry Martin Dean. They lived in Niles, Michigan

Children (6) DEAN

- i. Frederic Coan, b. Mar. 14, 1863, Niles, Mich.
- ii. Edward Coan, b. Nov. 12, 1866, Niles, Mich.
- iii. Willilam Monroe, b. Mar. 13, 1868, Niles, Mich.

Reference: Titus Munson Coan's genealogical notes (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap).

WILLIAM HARRISON⁵ COAN (Ezra⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Byron, New York, June 1, 1841, the son of Ezra and Fanny Maria (Hull) Coan. During the Civil War he enlisted with the New York Volunteers in the 27th Regiment, which was organized May 21, 1861, in Elmira. He was a first lieutenant and was believed to have fought in one of the Battles of Bull Run. He died of disease in Washington, D.C., September 12, 1862. He was buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York, where his name was recorded on a marble tablet inside the tower erected in 1880 in memory of The Orleans County men "who fell in defense of the Union." His name was spelled incorrectly, Coann.

Reference: Gravestone, Lots #164, #165, and Tower, Mountain Avenue, Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N. Y.

Secretary of War, Official Army Register of the Volunteer Forces of the United States Army 1861-1865, Joint Resolution of Senate and House of Representatives May 21, 1865, Vol. II (New York and New Jersey), p. 462.

Titus Munson Coan's genealogical notes (Collection of Léonie M. Dunlap).

ELIZUR⁴ COAN (Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, July 7, 1794, the son of Gaylord and Tamze (Nettleton) Coan. He had a twin sister Sally. On December 25, 1821, in Millville, New York, he married a twin, Jane Burns, who was born in Bedford, New Hampshire, June 3, 1791, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Moore Burns. They lived for awhile in Shelby, New York, and then moved to Yates. Elizur died in Yates September 2, 1850; Jane died March 12, 1878. They were buried in Lynhaven Cemetery in Lyndonville, New York.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Gaylord Burns, b. Oct. 15, 1822; d. Dec. 24, 1851
- ii. Lucy Jane, b. Aug. 3, 1827 [1824]
- iii. Heman Nettleton, b. Nov. 14, 1831

Reference: History of Bedford, New Hampshire from 1737
(Concord, N. H.: The Rumford Printing Company, 1903),
pp. 875, 876.

Lynhaven Cemetery Records from Mrs. Benjamin W.
Cooper, Yates-Lyndonville Historian, 76 West Avenue,
Lyndonville, NY 14095

HEMAN NETTLETON⁵ COAN (Elizur⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹)
was born November 14, 1831, the son of Elizur and Jane
(Burns) Coan. He and his sister Lucy were listed among the
students at Yates Academy in 1846. On September 13, 1854,
he married Sarah Maria Munger, who was born March 10, 1831,
the daughter of Josiah and Maria (Fowler) Munger. Heman and
Sarah lived in Millville, Orange County, New York.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Charles Gaylord, b. Jan. 17, 1858; d. Feb. 6, 1858
- ii. Henry Elizur, b. May 31, 1861
- iii. Lucy Munger, b. Sept. 24, 1868

Reference: Titus Munson Coan genealogical notes (Collection
of Léonie M. Dunlap).

Mrs. Benjamin W. Cooper, Yates-Lyndonville His-
torian, 76 West Avenue, Lyndonville, NY 14095

SYLVANUS (SILVANUS)⁴ COAN (Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was
born in Killingworth, Connecticut, May 10, 1797, the son of
Gaylord and Tamze (Nettleton) Coan. He along with three of
his brothers--George, Ezra, and Elizur--moved to New York
State. In 1824, before the Erie Canal was finished, he op-
ened the first store in Medina. It was on the docks in the
area around the basin where the packet boats came in, prob-
ably in the bend facing the canal. Sylvanus was a charter
member of the Orleans County Pioneer Association. He married
Hulda Maria Morse who died June 3, 1871, aged 72 years, 2
months. When he died at age 64 on February 20, 1862, he was
the oldest resident of Medina. Originally Sylvanus and Hulda
were buried in the cemetery in the center of Medina. People
buried there were eventually moved as a group to a part of
Boxwood Cemetery in Medina. There was no stone at Boxwood
for Sylvanus, but there was one for H. Maria and Edward.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Julia M., b. Jan. 22, 1832 [1831]; m. Dr. John M.
Plummer, South Bend, Mich.
- ii. Edward, b. Oct. 6, 1832; d. Sept. 22, 1833
- iii. Edwin, b. Mar. 10, 1834

Reference: Titus Munson Coan genealogical notes (Collection of Léonia M. Dunlap).

Gravestones, Boxwood Cemetery, Medina, N. Y.

Mrs. Cecilia A. White, Village Historian, 573 East Avenue, Medina, NY 14103.

Thomas Arad, Pioneer History of Orleans County, New York (Albion, N. Y.: H. A. Bruner, Orleans American Steam Press Print, 1971), p. 368.

HEMAN⁴ COAN (Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, April 10, 1799, the son of Gaylord and Tamze (Nettleton) Coan. He moved to Yates, New York. He married first Lucy B. Frost, who was born in 1815 and died August 2, 1846. Second, he married Mary Ann Calvert, who was born February 22, 1817. Heman was a shoemaker and an elder in the first Presbyterian church in Yates. He died December 1, 1880; Mary, March 3, 1887. They were both buried in Lyndonville Cemetery, Lyndonville, New York.

Children (5) COAN

By first wife, Lucy

- i. Amelia Maria, b. Sept. 6, 1840, Yates, N. Y.; d. June 18, 1842, Ogden

By second wife, Mary

- ii. Robert Titus, b. Feb. 13, 1849

Reference: Mrs. Benjamin W. Cooper, Yates-Lyndonville Historian, 76 West Avenue, Lyndonville, NY 14098

Carol D. Gardepe and Janice D. Regester, History of the Town of Yates, Orleans County, New York (Ann Arbor, Mich.: Edwards Bros.), p. 136.

ROBERT TITUS⁵ COAN (Heman⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Lyndonville, New York, February 13, 1849, the son of Heman and Mary (Calvert) Coan. He was a banker at the Citizen's National Bank in Albion. He married Rhoda Maria Moore (known as Maria), who was born in Dorset, Vermont, October 24, 1854, the daughter of John and Mary (Sheldon) Moore. She died in Albion December 21, 1928; Robert, July 21, 1931. They were both buried in Mount Albion Cemetery.

Children (6) COAN

Robert Titus, Jr., b. July 25, 1893

Reference: Certificate of Birth, Robert Titus, Jr., Albion, New York

Medical Certificates of Death--Robert Titus and Maria

L. J. Ogden, chief engineer, New Century Atlas of Orleans County, New York (Philadelphia: Century Map Co., 1913).

ROBERT TITUS⁶ COAN, JR. (Robert T.⁵, Heman⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Albion, New York, July 25, 1893, the son of Robert Titus and Maria (Moore) Coan. He married Marjora Cole, who was born in 1895. His occupation was listed in 1921 as that of clerk. Robert died in 1934 and Marjora in 1944. They were both buried in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, New York.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Alice Cole, b. Oct. 21, 1921
- ii. Robert Titus, b. 1923; d. 1929

Reference: Certificate of Birth--Alice Cole Coan, Albion, New York

Gravestones, Lot #197, Mountain Avenue, Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N. Y.

ALICE COLE⁷ COAN (Robert T., Jr.⁶, Robert T.⁵, Heman⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Albion, New York, October 21, 1921, the daughter of Robert Titus, Jr., and Marjora (Cole) Coan. On April 8, 1944, in the First Congregational Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, she married Hiroshi Daifuku of Hawaii. He was born in Honolulu about 1920, the son of George H. and Tomu (Nagatavi) Daifuku. At the time of their marriage they were both students.

Reference: "Marriages 1944" (Vital Records, McCormack Building, Boston, Mass.), Vol. 27, p. 57.

TITUS⁴ COAN (Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, February 1, 1801, the youngest child of Gaylord and Tamze (Nettleton) Coan. Of all the hundreds of descendants of the immigrant boys, Peter and George, who came to America in 1710, Titus is without question the most famous. From the age of four until twelve he attended the district school. He was then privately tutored, one of his teachers being the local pastor, the Reverend Asa King. In time he went to the academy in East Guilford, now Madison, Connecticut. From 1819 until 1826 he taught school in Saybrook, Killingworth, and Guilford. He joined the Militia and went from sergeant to second lieutenant to first lieutenant in three years. In 1826 he went to western New York where four of his brothers were established, and he taught school



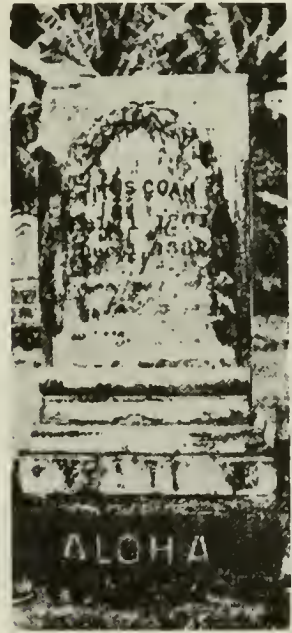
Titus Coan. Courtesy collection of Roger A. Ruth.



Now a museum in Hilo, Hawaii, this was the Reverend David Lyman residence where Titus and Fidelia Coan lived upon their arrival in Hilo. Courtesy New Haven Register.



Church in Hilo built by Titus Coan. He preached here for nearly a half a century with his associate, the Reverend David Lyman, a native of Connecticut. Courtesy New Haven Register.



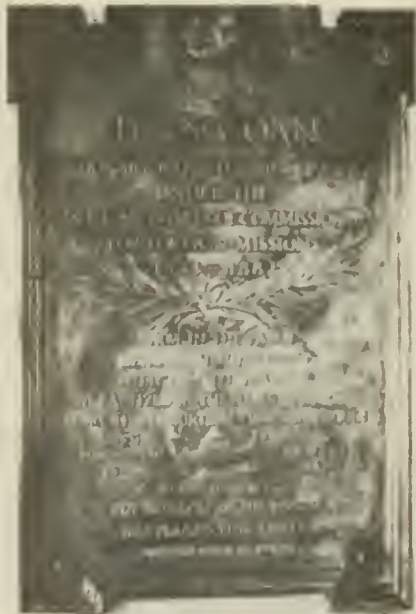
Grave of Titus Coan, Homeland Cemetery, Hilo, Hawaii. Courtesy New Haven Register.



Fidelia Church Coan and Titus Coan. Copy of a print made from an 1840-1860 daguerreotype and sent by Philip Burr Coan to the Hawaiian Children's Society, Honolulu, Hawaii in 1969. Courtesy collection of Edward M. Coan.



Lydia Bingham, second wife of Titus Coan. Courtesy New Haven Register.



Plaque placed in the Killingworth church in 1912 in memory of Titus Coan notes that in Hawaii he "baptized in the name of Christ more than fourteen thousand souls." Courtesy New Haven Register.



Titus Coan Road in Killingworth is only two blocks long, but one of the most picturesque thoroughfares in the town. Courtesy New Haven Register.

at Riga. On March 2, 1828, he joined the Presbyterian church where his oldest brother, George, was minister. Influenced by the revivals that followed the preaching of Charles G. Finney and Titus's cousin, Asahel Nettleton, the evangelist, Titus decided to study theology and on June 1, 1831, he entered the middle class at Auburn Theological Seminary. He was graduated there in 1833. On April 17, 1833, he was licensed by Cayuga County Presbytery as a minister of the gospel.

Even before his graduation and licensing he was invited by the Boston Board of Missions to go to Patagonia to see about establishing a mission there. He sailed from New York for the Strait of Magellan August 10, 1833, with one companion, Reverend Arms, on the schooner Mary Jane under Captain Clift. They landed in Patagonia November 15, 1833. After five months there among the natives where their lives were constantly in danger, they had been able to convey little or nothing of Christian teachings to the people; so they decided to return to the United States. The savages, however, had other ideas and meant to keep them. Through "gifts" of saddles, bridles, axes, tools, clothes which the two missionaries had, and through the help of an Indian leader who had come in contact with the outside world and had many times sailed out to meet whaling ships to trade with captains and crews, on March 9, 1834, the men got aboard the whaleship Talma, under the command of Captain Pendleton, en route to America. They arrived at New London, Connecticut, May 7, 1834, and Titus reported to Boston that conditions were unfavorable for establishing a mission in Patagonia at that time.

Apparently while they were looking for a ship to take them home, according to Titus's journal, on January 26, 1834, as they were passing out of the Strait of Magellan into the Atlantic, they sighted a large barque, but were unable to "speak her." Years later, on August 28, 1876, Titus added a note to this entry saying the the "barque" had been the "Exploring Ship Beagle." Charles Darwin was the official naturalist aboard the Beagle.

On November 3, 1834, Titus married Fidelia Church, whom he had met in New York State during his seminary days. She was born February 19, 1810, at Riga, New York, the daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Munson) Church. Samuel founded and named Churchville, New York. Fidelia was their youngest daughter and was thought to be the most beautiful. She early developed a taste for learning and was a student in the schools of Rochester, Palmyra, and Canandaigua. In 1833 she taught and studied in Rochester. She and Titus had been engaged for six years and were about to be married when he was sent to Patagonia. Many thought he would never return, and Fidelia had other suitors. When he did arrive home, he found her teaching in Mrs. Cooke's Female Seminary at Middlebury, Vermont, and taking lessons in Greek from Professor Kitchel. Shortly after they were married, the American Board

suggested that they go to the mission field on the Hawaiian Islands; and on December 5, 1834, they sailed from Boston on the ship Hellespont. They arrived in Honolulu, via Cape Horn, on June 6. It always irked Titus that it took Fidelia and him 183 days to get from Boston to Honolulu, and he envisioned that someday the trip would be made much faster. In a letter to Captain S. F. DuPont of the United States Navy, dated June 7, 1850, he wrote:

Probably the time will come when our material corporeities may pass from these islands to New York in the matter of days, and our winged spirits in shorter time. How long will it be ere a train of fiery chariots will be seen crossing your western mountains and a line of smoky leviathans be described lashing our deep waters and tracing a rapid wake from the shores of western America to these sea-girt isles? How long will it be ere aerial horsemen, outstripping lightning, will announce upon the shores of the Pacific the thoughts, emotions, the rush, the wonders of the Orient shores?

Titus was not only a deeply religious man, but one who understood science as well.

In Honolulu Titus and his bride spent about a month at the home of the Reverend Hiram Bingham; and then they were assigned to Hilo, on the east coast of the island Hawaii. Here they were to make their home for the rest of their lives.

In his interesting account of a visit to the Sandwich Island in 1873, Charles Nordhoff gives the following sketch of Titus's life and work:

And in Hilo, when you go to visit the volcano, you will find Dr. Coan, one of the brightest and loveliest spirits of them all, the story of whose life in the Umatu island, whose apostle he was, is as wonderful and as touching as that of any of the earlier apostles, and shows what great works unyielding faith and love can do in redeeming a savage people. When Dr. and Mrs. Coan came to the island of Hawaii its shores and woods were populous, and through their labors thousands of men and women were instructed in the truths of Christianity, inducted into civilized habits of life, and finally brought into the church. As you sail along the green coast of Hawaii from its northern point to Hilo, you will be surprised at the number of quaint little white churches which mark the distances almost with the regularity of milestones; if later you ride through this district or the one south of Hilo, you will see that for every church there is also a school house; you will see native children reading and writing as well as our own at home; you may hear them singing tunes familiar to our own Sunday schools; you will see the native man



A photograph taken in 1900 of the remains of the chimney, all that was left of the birthplace of Titus Coan. Courtesy Guilford, Connecticut, Free Library.



Near the ruins of the birthplace of Titus Coan on a flat rock is this inscription: "Titus Coan, 1801-1882—Missionary to Hawaii—Explorer and Scientist—Patagonia 1833, Hilo 1834-1882—This rock marks his birthplace."

On December 1, 1982, the Reverend William Gaydos and a few parishioners of the Killingworth church held a service here in memory of the 100th anniversary of Titus's death. C. C. Potter of Guilford, a Coan descendant, saw in the newspaper this picture of Mr. Gaydos and David Tuckerman, a good friend of Mr. Potter's. He immediately called David on the phone and said: "Remove your hat; take your hands out of your pockets; and stand at attention when you are on hallowed ground!"

A joke? Yes. But underneath the humor lay the respect Coans and descendants all felt for the great missionary, Titus Coan. Courtesy Paula M. Frattini, New Haven Register.



Titus Munson Coan, 1859, from photo album of Humphrey S. Anderson, Class of 1859. Courtesy Williamsiana Collection, Williams College.



Sarah Eliza Coan Waters. Courtesy Etta H. Emens, Descendants of Captain Samuel Church of Churchville.



Dr. Titus Munson Coan and his sons, Hamilton Morel Coan and Philip Munson Coan. Courtesy Etta H. Emens, Descendants of Captain Samuel Church of Churchville.

and woman sitting down to read their newspaper at the close of the day; and if you could talk with them, you would find they knew almost as much about our late war as you do, for they took an intense interest in the war of the rebellion. And you must remember that when, less than forty years ago, Dr. and Mrs. Coan came to Hilo, the people were naked savages with no church and but one school house in the district; without printed books or knowledge of reading. They flocked to hear the Gospel. Thousands removed from a distance to Hilo, where, in their rapid way, they built up a large town, and kept up surely the strangest protracted meeting ever held; and going back to their homes after many months they took with them knowledge and zest to build up Christian churches and schools of their own. Over these Dr. Coan has presided these many years, not only preaching regularly on Sundays and during the week at the large native church at Hilo, and in two or three neighboring churches, but visiting the more distant churches at intervals to examine and instruct the members and keep them all on the right track. He has seen a great population turned from darkness to light, a great part of it following his own blameless and loving life as an example, and very many living to old age steadfast and zealous Christians.

Titus learned the Hawaiian language in a matter of months; he preached in and translated the Bible into the language of the natives. He was preacher, pastor, magistrate, doctor, teacher, guide, and friend to the whole population. He traveled throughout the islands and encountered every kind of hardship. When he could not go to the people, they came to him. Until 1849 when the mission board sent a physician, Titus was the only doctor. Describing his early days in Hawaii, he wrote in his book, Life in Hawaii:

In preaching the gospel to these poor people, I climb mountains and precipices, cross deep and dangerous ravines, ford or swim rapid rivers, travel from morning to night in drenching rain, endure the melting power of the tropical sun, endure weariness and painfulness. Thus I often travel from week to week preaching four and five and even eight times a day, and at night I lie down to sleep on the ground more weary than the mower and the reaper returned at night from the sultry harvest field. But my sleep is sweet, my heart is peaceful and my meditations are joyous.

The number of conversions from 1838 until 1840 was 7,000; while he received in all, up to the year 1882, 13,000 persons into the Hilo and Puna churches. Titus baptized people en masse. He was said to have seized a brush, similar to one used in plastering walls, and with this brush

sprinkled them by the score, pronouncing over them the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The church at Hilo grew until it numbered thousands and was the largest Protestant church in the world.

Fidelia founded and conducted a seminary for young Hawaiian girls. She had a literary gift and translated many of the best English hymns into the Hawaiian language. The poet Longfellow asked for a copy of her translations, and wrote to her daughter a letter of thanks and high praise. She was said to be "a woman of fine mind and great charm of character; to her wise aid and counsel much of Dr. Coan's success was due."

Titus made a tremendous contribution to geology. Every opportunity he had, he visited and studied the great volcanoes of Hawaii, sometimes putting himself in real danger. No history of volcanoes was ever written but depended in large part on the data given in his published descriptions. Titus was particularly interested in Mauna Loa and its crater Kilauea, one of the largest active craters in the world. Kilauea had within its eight-mile circumference the fiery pit Halemaumau. July 2-5, 1850, Titus made sixteen trips to the crater and wrote an account of twenty-eight pages on what he saw. This excerpt is taken from that account:

We looked below us, upon the S. E. of the ridge. Within a stone's throw of us (we proved it by trial) a lake of liquid fire was tossing and splashing. The whole surface was not at once in action; a crust of hardened lava covered the fiery glow beneath, except at the ends of the lake, and a few places at the sides. There the molten rock was in a state of violent ebullition; rushing backward & forward, splashing against the confining walls of the lake and throwing its fiery spray into the air.

In 1870 Fidelia was not well, so they returned to the States for an eleven-month visit after an absence of thirty-six years. They consulted eminent physicians, but none of them could help her. The Congregational church in Killingworth gave them a gala welcome when Titus preached from the pulpit in this church of his youth. He also spent a week in New Haven and preached in the Center Church. During his visit he made 239 addresses in 20 different states. Wherever he went, he found that his fame as a missionary was well known; and every church was overflowing with people eager to hear him. In Washington, D. C., President Ulysses S. Grant invited him to the White House on two occasions for discussions.

Shortly after their return to Hawaii on September 29, 1872, at Hilo, Fidelia died. She was greatly loved. Years after her death a traveler who had known her at Hilo--Charles Warren Stoddard of the "South Sea Idylls"--met one of her children. "Are you a son of Fidelia Coan?" he said.

TWILIGHT

By
Philip M. Coan

I lie a large that laps and plays
Among long reeds that fringe a rippling flow;
The dim Air fills with drowsy haze
Raising the mirror over surface O'er
A water fowl with piping blow
She is twirling ripples from his wings; his call
O'er the waves let a circling flow;
The floating undulating fade and fall.
Now in the dusk and nightfall gray
That lone and startled Bird-note rings here;
The pulsing ripples die away
Along the mirror large and speedy shore

Courtesy New England Magazine,
November, 1892.

Danville
December 30,
1893

Chère maman

Je suis pas surpris ci c'est la lettre
arriver avec que celle du lendemain
car je les enverrais les deux dans la
même enveloppe. Hier soir je suis allé
pecher depuis je n'ai rien attrapé
malgré que j'ai accroché un poisson
que je ait pêché - un petit poisson
abandonné. Aujourd'hui il a plu
et depuis l'après-midi et moi, nous
avons travaillé sur la muni-
cipalité de dix mis pour les pou-
les trois sous gros les ci, dix en
avec de poissons dedans, j'ai reçu
la lettre de l'autre jour après la
belle petite lettre de Hamilton, la
quelle était très gentille. Beaucoup
d'amour pour l'enfant
Philip M. Coan

Letter Philip M. Coan, age 13, wrote in French to
his mother, 1893. Courtesy collection of Edward
M. Coan.



Philip Munson Coan



Sarah Bryan Burr



Children of Philip Munson Coan: (left to right) Philip Burr Coan, Edward Morel Coan, Sarah Burr Coan, Léonie Matilda Coan.

"Yes."

"She was a saint," said Mr. Stoddard.

In October, 1873, Titus married second Lydia Bingham, who was born in Honolulu, the daughter of Elder Bingham and granddaughter of Hiram Bingham, one of the earliest missionaries to the islands. Bingham was commissioned in Goshen, Connecticut, in 1819 to go to the islands.

Growing old did not bother Titus. He seemed to work harder and longer. He died December 1, 1882, at Hilo. The news spread like wildfire that the "St. Peter of Hawaii" had gone to his reward. Entire families of natives came from far and wide. Over 20,000 attended his funeral. He was buried in Homeland Cemetery in Hilo. His gravestone was very simple. As he wished, the word Aloha was inscribed on the base. The inscription on one side of the stone was in the Hawaiian language; on the other side, in English. He was buried on the highest point of this lovely burial ground in a large circle of graves reserved for early missionaries and their wives.

Collections of Titus's books, papers, letters, documents, etc., have been placed by his great grandchildren in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; in the Lyman Museum, Hilo, Hawaii; in the Killingworth Historical Society, Killingworth, Connecticut; and in Killingworth Congregational Church.

On December 1, 1982, on the 100th anniversary of Titus's death, the Reverend William Gaydos and eight members of the Killingworth Congregational Church, where Titus was once a member, hiked a mile deep into the woods to the spot where Titus was born to conduct a memorial service. Titus's birthplace, overlooking a rolling hillside, was off Route 80 and marked by a large stone partly covered with moss and inscribed with his name and accomplishments. A cellar hole was all that was left of the homestead. Several crumbling stone walls still divided his father's farmland. At the service Mr. Gaydos discussed Titus's life and read from Titus's autobiography, Life In Hawaii--Mission Life and Labors. Mr. Gaydos said of the site: "To me it is one of the most special places in town." (Paula Frattini, "Church Renders Homage to Missionary's Memory," New Haven Register, December 2, 1982, p. 50.)

Children (5) COAN

- i. Titus Munson, b. Sept. 27, 1836
- ii. Harriet Fidelia, b. Aug. 18, 1839
- iii. Sarah Eliza, b. Jan. 26, 1843
- iv. Samuel Latimer, b. Jan. 23, 1846

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TITUS MUNSON⁵ COAN (Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, September 27, 1836, the son of the Reverend Titus and Fidelia (Church) Coan. He was descended on his mother's side from Thomas Munson, one of the founders and "governors" of New Haven, Connecticut. His parents were missionaries to the Hawaiian natives, and Titus received his early education on the islands at the Punahou School, the Royal School, and Oahu College in Honolulu. In 1856 he came to the United States on a New Bedford whaler which sailed around Cape Horn. He attended Yale College for a year and then went to Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he was graduated in the Class of 1859. He was an excellent student and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He next took the course of medical study offered by the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, now the Medical School of Columbia University. After graduating in 1861, he served two years as intern in the Randall's Island, Bellevue, and Blackwell's Island civil hospitals, and in the Central Park and David's Island military hospitals. In 1863 he offered his services to the Government and entered the army as Acting Assistant Surgeon in the Civil War. He was soon transferred to the navy with the same rank.

For over two years he saw active service with Admiral Farragut in the West Gulf Squadron and participated in the battles of Mobile Bay and Mississippi Sound. In 1865 he was attached to the flagship Brooklyn. He stayed in the naval service until the end of the war and then entered private practice in New York City.

On June 21, 1877, Titus married Léonie Pauline Morel, who was born in Besançon, Doubs, France, June 21, 1846. She worked in England as a governess and came to the United States seeking a brother she never found. She taught French in New York City. Titus and Léonie lived on East 21st Street near Gramercy Park. During his medical career he wrote many articles on medical and literary subjects. He was unusually



*Sarah Bryan Burr Coan with her son
Edward Morel Coan*



*Family of Philip Munson Coan: (left to right) Philip B., Edward,
Léonie, Sarah, Philip M. and his wife Sarah.*

Rec'd, Jan. 3, 1901.

Dear Phelps,

Receipt to day. Did I send
you the same last month?
If so, please advise
it will be put a reshuffle.
I'll wait the explanation in

Winnona Lou particularly with
siding without a flood.

Suppose Hamill's is hard
at work in local again.
I'd be sure it's not dead.
I'll give it up for good.

Don't offer them further.

Letter to Philip M. Coan from his aunt, Harriet Fidelia Coan. Courtesy collection of Edward M. Coan.

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DR. TITUS MUNSON COAN
70, FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, 19th Jan. 1890

Dear Phelps,

What is this nonsense you
are writing me - and you near
twenty-one! I hope you will
come by ears of discretion some day.

I wish you on business
matters of importance. Come to
my studio tomorrow, Saturday
between four and five o'clock

Your father
Titus M. Coan

Letter to Philip M. Coan from his father, Dr. Titus Munson Coan. Courtesy collection of Edward M. Coan.

gifted as an author, and his interests continued to grow in that direction. About 1880 he gave up the greater part of his medical practice and founded the New York Bureau of Revision of which he was managing director. The purpose of the bureau was to help authors in perfecting and publishing their work. In 1884 Williams College awarded him the degree of Master of Arts. Besides many essays and poems contributed to numerous magazines, Titus was the author of Ounces of Prevention, a book of essays on hygiene; "A Geographical Dictionary," part of Webster's International Dictionary (1892); "A Dictionary of Proper Names," in the Standard Dictionary (1895); The Climate of Hawaii (1901); editor, Topics of the Time, 6 volumes, (1883); and editor of Personal Recollections of the War of the Rebellion (1891).

Titus was a member of the Century Club, Authors' Club, German Liederkrantz Club, the Loyal Legion, and the Copyright League. He died in New York City May 8, 1921.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Philip Munson, b. May 14, 1879
- ii. Hamilton Morel, b. June 17, 1886

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PHILIP MUNSON⁶ COAN (Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in New York City May 14, 1879, the son of Titus Munson and Léonie Pauline Dorothe (Morel) Coan. At age five he traveled with his parents to France. He went to France a second time with his parents and brother Hamilton. While he was there, he attended the funeral of Victor Hugo. At this time the Coan parents had Philip's portrait painted; and during his sittings he met Oscar Wilde. To prepare for college he studied at Culver School for Boys in New York City, and was graduated from Columbia with a B.A. degree in 1900. He went to work on Wall Street for a brokerage house selling bonds. For his career after Wall Street, here is part of a letter he wrote his Yale friend, Professor Moore, who had told him of an opening teaching journalism at Yale. In this letter he wrote an excellent summary of his professional life from 1906 until July 30, 1913, the date of the letter. Although he never took the teaching position, he certainly was exceptionally well qualified for it.

...Newspaper work began with me in 1906, almost six years after graduation at Columbia College. I joined the staff of the Sun in April of the year of the San Francisco earthquake, after having persecuted the managing editor with applications for some months. During nine months with the paper, I did all the routine work of the beginner including playing substitute on the various news tricks--police stations and headquarters, courts (police and general sessions), ship news and other details. It came to my lot to write a moderate number of the humorous and picturesque news stories of which the newspaper was at that time making a great specialty.

In January 1907 I left the Sun because I was coaxed away by an offer of editorial work under Frank A. Munsey on his "Scrap Book," then a new monthly publication. There I stayed for some four months, and learned enough of magazine makeup, manuscript reading and editing and magazine habits in general to orient me fairly well in that line. On leaving the magazine, however, I came back to the Sun organization, this time to join the Evening Sun with whom I have continued since May 1907.

In 1907 I wrote for the newspaper daily humorous or picturesque news stories, extending over the latter part of the year and running into 1908. I was out reporting many of the big events, such as the runs on the banks in the 1907 panic. In 1908 I covered Taft for a fortnight on his New Haven trip, in the course of his nomination boom. A few weeks later I was dispatched to Oyster Bay, then the summer capital, and covered the President during a great part of his stay there. It was during 1908, I think that I had the good fortune to find the Boas girl, a runaway whose disappearance caused her relatives to offer a reward of several thousand dollars, for which I was technically in line, though not in fairness entitled to it. The incident meant an important beat to our paper in a sensational case that is locally well remembered.

In 1908, I covered the chief non-political stories of the year, in particular, the return of Peary from the Pole, which took me north as far as Labrador on one of the longest chases undertaken by newsggetters of the everyday brand in many years. On that occasion I sent by telegraph from Sydney, N. S. some 27,000 words, my longest single dispatch thus far.

While I have never covered a political convention, I have met a great many of the chief political figures of the east, and interviewed them. Col. Roosevelt knew me well enough to confide an important statement to me for presentation to other press representatives, on the occasion of his appearance as a witness before the Congressional Steel investigation. President Wilson I met



Nancy Lees Coan and Philip Burr Coan



Nancy Burr Coan Kaclik



*James Ward Coan with his father
Philip Coan*



Léonie Matilda Coan Dunlap



*Bryan Robert Dunlap and Arthur
Morel Dunlap*

first during his presidency at Princeton, where I interviewed him upon the conflict with his trustee opponents over the graduate school; later I met him again, in 1911, during the autumn preceding his nomination, while I was covering the Governors' Conference at Spring Lake, N. J.

While it is not easy to recall to mind all the men I have interviewed I might set down among the others the Mexican Ambassador de la Bana, later president of Mexico; Thomas A. Edison, Richard Cooker, Mayor Gaynor, Jacob H. Schiff, the late Wm. A. Harriman, the Russian statesman, Milyukoff, Pierre Loti, Anna H. Shaw, Governors McGovern of Wisconsin, Hannon of Ohio, Mann of Virginia, O'Neal of Alabama; Menotti Garibaldi, William Watson, William Butler Yates, etc.

Since 1910 when I first took up editorial work, my labors have been chiefly indoor and departmental. Beginning with that year, I did occasional editorial writing, interspersed with the preparation of a series of science notes, the origination and conducting of a column of "Replies to Readers" built on the entertainment basis, and highly successful; the making of special articles on important topics; the editing (in 1910) of the Saturday back page, in its day the most popular page of the Evening Sun; later the building up of a daily magazine page, with the problems of handling writers, composition, type, and makeup which this involved. Twice, and during a total of over two months in the past eight, I have acted as chief editorial writer, in full charge of the editorial force of six men. (Letter from Edward M. Coan Collection, Stonington, Maine).

Shortly after this letter was written Philip became chief editorial writer and served in that capacity until 1925 when he became an editorial writer on The Brooklyn Eagle. He edited several editions of Collier's Encyclopedia, coordinated a Federal historical and economic analysis of New Jersey, and headed the United States division of Funk & Wagnall's International Year Book. He spoke French fluently with an impeccable accent. His daughter-in-law, Barbara, said of him: "He was a wonderful, scholarly man with a marvelous sense of humor and much love for us all." He retired during World War II. "His hobbies included math, Greek, history, bird watching, camping, and trout fishing." (Philip B. Coan)

On June 15, 1910, Philip married Sarah Bryan Burr, who was born in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1883, the daughter of James Edward and Matilda Parsons (Bryan) Burr. Among Sarah's ancestors were the pre-revolutionary families of Burr, Steinman, and Conger. She was a graduate of Rye Seminary, Rye, New York. Philip and Sarah made their home in Montclair, New Jersey, where they were members of the

Central Presbyterian Church. There Sarah was active in the Women's Guild, the Sunday School, and the Italian Mission. She was also a Grey Lady of the American Red Cross.

Sarah died at the age of 82 April 29, 1966, in Montclair where she had lived for 53 years. Philip died at the age of 88 April 22, 1968, in Montclair.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Philip Burr, b. Apr. 14, 1911
- ii. Léonie Matilda, b. June 23, 1912
- iii. Sarah Burr, b. July 21, 1921
- iv. Edward Morel, b. Jan. 25, 1923

Reference: Birth Certificate--Philip M. Coan.

Columbiana Collection, Low Memorial Library, Columbia University in the City of New York.

PHILIP BURR⁷ COAN⁶ (Philip M.⁵, Titus M.⁴, Titus³, Gaylord², Mulford¹, George⁰) was born in New York, New York, April 14, 1911, the son of Titus Munson and Sarah Bryan (Burr) Coan. In 1933 he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. degree in sociology, and minors in psychology, and anthropology. On June 22, 1940, at the Brick Presbyterian Church in East Orange, New Jersey, he married Nancy J. Lees, who was born in Newark, New Jersey, April 11, 1916, the daughter of Allen Travis and Ruth (Muchmore) Lees. Nancy attended Wellesley College for a year and the New Jersey Institute of Technology for two years.

For 44 years, 1934-1938, Philip was employed in newspaper reporting, the World War II Army, and textiles. From 1934 until 1936 he worked in a Wall Street bank. From 1937 until 1947 he did newspaper work, mostly reporting for the New York Times (1938-1942 plus 1946). From September, 1942, until June, 1946, he was in Army service as volunteer trainee, then second and first lieutenant of Infantry, Air Force, and Military Intelligence. For the next 31 years he was employed in textile sales in New York City and the State of New York except for 16 months from January, 1951, until April, 1952, when he served in the Army Reserve recall. From 1947 until 1952 he worked for Ardress Worsted Company; from 1952 until 1961, for Eastman Chemical Products, synthetic fibers and yarns; from 1962 until 1968, for Beaunit Corporation, synthetic fibers, and several fabric converters; and from 1962 until 1978, for Textured Fibers, Inc., renamed Texfi, Inc., on men's wear fabrics, both warp and circular knit, and textured woven.

From 1947 until 1963 Philip and Nancy lived in Fair Haven, New Jersey, where their children grew up. Philip served two elected terms on the local Board of Education and one elected term on the Republican County (Monmouth) Committee. Nancy worked 16 years as a Red Cross volunteer nurse's aide



*(left) Bryan Robert Dunlap and Diana Carulli Dunlap.
(right) Arthur Morel Dunlap.*



(front) Niall Patrick Stephens, Jennie Catherine Stephens, Sarah Coan Acheson, Ernest F. Acheson. (back) Sarah Acheson Stephens holding Nora Sarah Stephens with Kate Elizabeth Stephens in the chair.



Katherine Burr Acheson

and in 1979 retired after 11 years as a medical secretary to doctors in West Orange and South Orange, New Jersey. In 1982 Philip and Nancy lived in San Diego, California.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Nancy Burr, b. Mar. 31, 1944
- ii. James Ward, b. Apr. 19, 1947
- iii. Deborah Lees, b. Aug. 9, 1955, was premature and lived only 9 days

Reference: Philip B. Coan, 17746 Plaza Acosta, San Diego, CA 92128

NANCY BURR⁸ COAN (Philip B.⁷, Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Orange, New Jersey, March 31, 1944, the daughter of Philip Burr and Nancy J. (Lees) Coan. She was graduated from Centenary College in 1964. September, 1969, she married John Kaclik in San Francisco. They were divorced in 1972. Nancy died of cancer August 19, 1978, after a rapid career as executive secretary to a New York architectural firm, to Paramount Pictures' financial officer, and to its president. She achieved her strongly desired entry into movie production in 1976 and worked as a production aide for two films: one on location in Canada; the other in Mexico. Before and during her illness she helped plan a third film, since shot in France and Algeria. She belonged to Screen Actors Guild.

Reference: Philip B. Coan

JAMES WARD⁸ COAN (Philip B.⁷, Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Orange, New Jersey, April 19, 1947, the son of Philip Burr and Nancy J. (Lees) Coan. In 1979 he received an associate in arts degree and in 1980 a bachelor of arts degree in political science from St. Leo College, McDill Branch, St. Leo, Florida. His hobbies were ceramics and photography. June 1, 1966, he joined the United States Air Force and in 1982 was at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Reference: Philip B. Coan

LEONIE MATILDA⁷ COAN (Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born June 23, 1912, in New York, New York, the daughter of Philip Munson and Sarah Bryan (Burr) Coan. She received an A.B. degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College; and an A.M. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University; and a Diplôme from the Sorbonne, Paris, France. She was a reading specialist, a teacher in Tenafly and Ridgefield, New Jersey, public schools.

August 9, 1940, in Montclair, New Jersey, she married Joseph Riggs Dunlap. Léonie's interests included travel, music, art, drama, aerobic dance, and swimming. The Dunlap family spent summers at Footes Bay, Lake Joseph, Ontario, and a half-year sabbatical (1956-1957) in England. Léonie and Joseph were divorced July 1, 1970.

International reading conferences in Buenos Aires, Singapore, and Vienna provided Léonie with opportunities for extensive travel throughout Europe, U.S.S.R., South America, and the Pacific, supplemented by study trips through Africa, Alaska, "Lower 48" States, Canada, Mexico, Norway, and Mediterranean countries. In 1982 Léonie lived in Leonia, New Jersey, where she was active in the Presbyterian Church.

Children (8) DUNLAP

- i. Bryan Robert, b. Sept. 4, 1942
- ii. Arthur Morel, b. Dec. 26, 1947

Reference: Léonie M. Dunlap, 206 Fort Lee Road, Leonia, NJ 07605

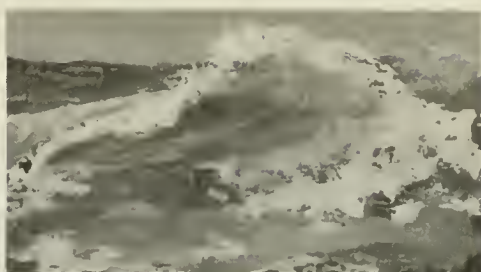
BRYAN ROBERT DUNLAP⁸, the son of Joseph Riggs and Léonie Matilda (Coan) Dunlap, was born in New York, New York, September 4, 1942. In 1966 he was graduated from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, with an A.B. degree and in 1967 from the University of Chicago with an A.M. degree in English. He taught English literature and writing at Chicago City College (1967-69) and Queens College, New York (1971-76). Later he was an Associate Editor at Scholastic Magazines, New York (1976-79). In 1982 he was graduated from New York University Law School with a J.D. degree. He married first Beverly Moon. He married second Diana Marina Carulli, on May 30, 1981, in New York City. She was born December 16, 1946, in New York, New York, the daughter of Joseph Stella and Margaret (Lane) Carulli. In 1969 Diana received an A.B. degree in visual arts from San Francisco State College. In 1982 Bryan and Diana lived in New York City, where Bryan was a lawyer with the firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges and Diana was a self-employed artist and decorator. Their shared interests included kayaking, swimming, and the performing arts.

Children (9) DUNLAP by first wife

- i. Joseph Matthew, b. Aug. 31, 1968, Chicago, Ill.

Reference: Bryan R. Dunlap, #2B, 158 East Seventh Street, New York, NY 10009

ARTHUR MOREL DUNLAP⁸, the son of Joseph Riggs and Léonie Matilda (Coan) Dunlap, was born in New York, New York, December 26, 1947. In 1971 he received a B.A. degree in economics



*Painting (original in watercolor)
by Barbara Frances Smith Coan*

(top left) Barbara Frances Smith. (top right) Edward M. Coan family, 1962-63: Susan Elizabeth seated in front of Annette Burr, Edward, Edward James with Dixie, Alison Marie standing, Barbara, and Michael Jay. (bottom left) Edward Morel Coan.



(top left) Family of Alison Marie Coan Dibble: Claire Anne Dibble, Norman Charles Keith Dibble III, Norman Edward Dibble, and Alison in rear. (top right) Annette Burr Coan. (bottom left) Edward James Coan and Kiyoko Suzuki Coan.



Michael Jay Coan

from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. Following graduation, he traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. In 1977 he was awarded the degree of Master of Urban Affairs at Boston University. From August, 1977, until February, 1979, he was employed as assistant planner with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management. In 1981 he was graduated from New England School of Law in Boston with a J.D. degree. He was employed by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy as an energy analyst until June, 1982, when he became an educational representative for Westlaw Division, West Publishing Company in Boston.

Arthur was a member of the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association, and the American Planning Association. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar, and to the Bars of the United States first Circuit Court and the United States Court of Massachusetts.

Reference: Arthur M. Dunlap, 69 Quint Avenue, Boston, MA 02134

SARAH BURR⁷ COAN (Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in New York, New York, July 21, 1920, the daughter of Philip Munson and Sarah Bryan (Burr) Coan. In 1942 she was graduated from Goucher College, Towson, Maryland, with an A.B. degree. On April 11, 1942, in Montclair, New Jersey, she married Ernest F. Acheson, who was born June 4, 1912, in Washington, Pennsylvania, the son of Alexander Wilson and Jennie Chase (Belmore) Acheson. He was graduated from Washington Jefferson College with A.B. and M.A. degrees and over the years was employed as a planner by various New Jersey and Pennsylvania cities and towns.

Sarah was interested in medical subjects, conservation, and genealogy. She, along with her brothers and sister, was responsible for collecting and preserving photographs, books, letters, and other documents belonging to her famous missionary great grandfather, Titus Coan. Many of these were given to various museums and historical societies. In 1970 Sarah presented to the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., an extensive collection of correspondence, journals, and papers belonging to Titus. In 1979 she donated to the Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., a navy medical officer's frock coat worn by her grandfather, Titus Munson Coan, during the Civil War.

Her hobbies were reading, weaving, gardening, and bird watching. She was active in volunteer activities, and was a member of Goucher Alumnae and National Hospice Organization. In 1982 Sarah and Ernest lived in Avella, Pennsylvania.

Children (8) ACHESON

- i. Sarah Jennie, b. Sept. 18, 1944
- ii. Katherine Burr, b. Jan. 23, 1948

Reference: Mrs. Ernest F. Acheson, R.D. #1, Avella, PA 15312

SARAH JENNIE ACHESON⁸ was born in Montclair, New Jersey, September 18, 1944, the daughter of Ernest F. and Sarah Burr (Coan) Acheson. She completed her nursing education at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1966 and became a registered nurse. In 1970 she was graduated from Royal Victoria College, McGill University, Montreal, with an A.B. degree. March 26, 1973, in Dublin, Ireland, she married Cathal Stephens, who was born October 20, 1948, in England, the son of L. F. and Ita Joyce Stephens. Cathal was graduated from University College in Dublin with a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

Sarah enjoyed history, photography, hiking, and canoeing. In 1982 Cathal was an architect in Dublin where they lived with their four children.

Children (9) STEPHENS all born in Dublin, Ireland

- i. Niall Patrick, b. Oct. 29, 1973
- ii. Jennie Catherine, b. Mar. 8, 1975
- iii. Nora Sarah, b. June 15, 1978
- iv. Kate Elizabeth, b. Oct. 8, 1979

Reference: Mrs. Ernest F. Acheson

KATHERINE BURR ACHESON⁸ was born in Montclair, New Jersey, January 23, 1948, the daughter of Ernest F. and Sarah Burr (Coan) Acheson. In 1970 she was graduated from Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, with an A.B. degree; in 1973, from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with an M.A. degree; in 1974, from the Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, Holland. In 1982 she lived in Somerville, Massachusetts.

Reference: Mrs. Ernest F. Acheson

EDWARD MOREL⁷ COAN⁶ (Philip M.⁵, Titus M.⁴, Titus³, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in New York, New York, January 1, 1923, the son of Philip Munson and Sarah Bryan (Burr) Coan. He was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1947 with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, and he saw service in World War II. He worked on space programs and foreign technology in engineering management. In

WEDDING OF EDWARD JAMES AND KIYOKO SUZUKI COAN IN JAPAN



Last minute instructions in the wedding palace.



(left) Last clothing change to Western dress. (right) Kiyoko in second kimono cutting the cake.



WEDDING OF EDWARD JAMES AND KIYOKO SUZUKI COAN IN JAPAN



Edward and Barbara Coan during the service.



(left) With Mr. Kannenatsa, the matchmaker, a professor at Tokyo University. (right) In the garden after the service.

1971 he became self-employed in Lincoln, Maine, where he was president of ITP Corporation, a firm offering tax and financial advice. He also owned and operated a summer campground business. In 1981 he became manager of a branch of Village Electronics in Stonington, Maine.

September 4, 1948, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Norwalk, Connecticut, he married Barbara Frances Smith, who was born in Hackensack, New Jersey, September 8, 1923, the daughter of Frank J. and Marie C. (Arnold) Smith. She was an artist, represented by Landmark Galleries in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada; Consalvo Gallery, Ltd., in Boston; and Bird's Nest Gallery, Bar Harbor, Maine. Her works have been shown and collected worldwide. In 1980 she was engaged in watercolors, and had six one-person shows during the year. She was educated at Boston University, Art Students League, Art Career School and by private study. She taught art privately and in the public schools of Lincoln, Maine. Barbara was an Episcopal churchwoman, very active in diocesan and local church affairs. In 1981 she wrote a contract for and received a \$10,000 grant for "Penobscot Meet the Arts," a program of cultural enrichment for rural Maine (Penobscot County).

Since their marriage Barbara and Ed have lived in Moorestown and Riverton, New Jersey; Cocoa Beach, Florida; Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Toowoomba, Australia; Lincoln and Stonington (1982) Maine. Ed was always active in community affairs; president of the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He operated radio station AFIY and was a worker for the Republican party.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Alison Marie, b. July 1, 1949
- ii. Edward James, b. Dec. 1, 1950
- iii. Annette Burr, b. Sept. 22, 1953
- iv. Michael Jay, b. July 24, 1955
- v. Susan Elizabeth, b. Jan. 21, 1959

Reference: Edward M. and Barbara S. Coan, P. O. Box 81, Stonington, ME 04681

ALISON MARIE⁸ COAN (Edward M.⁷, Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, July 1, 1949, the daughter of Edward Morel and Barbara Frances (Smith) Coan. She was graduated in 1967 from Fairholme Presbyterian Girls' College in Toowoomba, Australia; and in 1971 from Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, with a B.A. degree in English. She was a singer-song writer, employed by various hostelryes, such as Camden Harbor Inn, Holiday Inn, Oyster House, etc. as a singer.

September 28, 1974, in Lincoln, Maine, she married Norman Charles Keith Dibble III, a native of Tempe, Arizona.

He was born July 17, 1950, the son of Norman Charles Keith Dibble II of Salisbury, England, and June Dibble of New York State. They met on board a sailing yacht in the Virgin Islands. Keith was a graduate of Arizona State University with a major in fine arts. He was a boat builder and operated Dibble & Thomas Boat Builders in East Blue Hill, Maine. They resided in Blue Hill in 1982.

Children (9) DIBBLE

- i. Norman Edward, b. Dec. 10, 1975
- ii. Claire Anne, b. Feb. 13, 1979

Reference: Edward M. and Barbara S. Coan

EDWARD JAMES⁸ COAN (Edward M.⁷, Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born December 1, 1950, in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, the son of Edward Morel and Barbara Frances (Smith) Coan. He was a member of the Holy Order of Mans and studied at their seminary. He attended Texas Technological University and studied electrical engineering. Edward was a member of the National Board of Youth Hostels and set up and operated Denver United Youth Hostel in Denver, Colorado. He also operated an amateur radio station, AID, and communicated with his father via radio several times a week.

September 21, 1981, at a civil ceremony at the American Embassy in Tokyo Edward married Kiyoko Suzuki. The religious ceremony was performed in Tokyo May 10, 1982. Kiyoko was a nurse at the University Dental Hospital in Tokyo. Edward was a public relations manager of Yaesu Corporation. In 1982 they lived in Tokyo.

Reference: Edward M. and Barbara S. Coan

ANNETTE BURR⁸ COAN (Edward M.⁷, Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, September 22, 1953, the daughter of Edward Morel and Barbara Frances (Smith) Coan. She was an "Old Girl" at Fairholme Presbyterian Girls' College, Toowoomba, Australia. She attended Vassar College and was graduated from the University of Maine in Orono with highest distinction. Annette was an art teacher in the public schools of Old Town. She also taught dance in the Bangor and Old Town Y programs. She was a choir singer, a violin enthusiast, and did free-lance painting and portraits on commission.

Reference: Edward M. and Barbara S. Coan

MICHAEL JAY⁸ COAN (Edward M.⁷, Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Glen Ridge,



At Susan Elizabeth Coan's wedding: (front) Alison Coan Dibble holding Norman Edward Dibble, Annette Burr Coan, Susan. (back) Michael Jay Coan, Norman Charles Keith Dibble III, Barbara Smith Coan, Edward James Coan, Ronald Wayne Eddy, Edward Morel Coan.



Ronald Wayne Eddy and Susan Elizabeth Coan Eddy



Edward and Barbara Coan in 1981



Standing: Philip Burr Coan, Léonie Coan Dunlap, Edward Morel Coan; seated, Sarah Coan Acheson — 1975.



Hamilton M. Coan. Courtesy Princeton University.

New Jersey, July 24, 1955, the son of Edward Morel and Barbara Frances (Smith) Coan. In 1975 he was graduated from the University of Maine in Orono where he received a degree in forestry with highest distinction. He worked with Maine Indians, on the Continental Divide, in Colorado, and in Alaska on the North Slope. He resided in Anchorage. In 1982 he was on a sabattical traveling in Japan, Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand. He planned to return to Alaska to homestead.

Reference: Edward M. and Barbara S. Coan

SUSAN ELIZABETH⁸ COAN (Edward M.⁷, Philip M.⁶, Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, January 21, 1959, the daughter of Edward Morel and Barbara Frances (Smith) Coan. May 28, 1978, at Lincoln, Maine, she married Ronald Wayne Eddy, who was born September 3, 1954, at Lincoln, the son of William and Ruby Eddy of Newfoundland. He was a graduate of the University of Maine in Orono and served with the United States Navy in dental hygiene. He worked at the Chester, Maine, dental clinic in a rural pediatric dentistry program. He was also first selectman of the town of Burlington. In 1982 he was a partner of Dr. David Talley, Old Town. Besides being active in church affairs, Susan attended the University of Maine in Orono and planned to do graduate study in either social work or occupational therapy.

Reference: Edward M. and Barbara S. Coan

HAMILTON MOREL⁶ COAN (Titus M.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in New York City June 17, 1886, the son of Titus Munson and Léonie Pauline (Morel) Coan. He was graduated from Montclair High School, Montclair, New Jersey; and in 1907 received an A.B. degree from Princeton University. He then went to work as a bank messenger at Liberty National Bank. The summer of 1909 he was a field assistant with the United States Forest Service in Montana. This summer experience made him decide to enter Yale Forest School from which he was graduated with an M.F. degree in 1910. From 1910 until 1914 he worked as forest assistant in the United States Forest Service. The first two years he worked in the Chelan National Forest which adjoins the main range of the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington. He then was located at Whitman National Forest in Oregon. He next worked as forester and tree surgeon with Davey Tree Surgery Company, New York.

July 23, 1917, in World War I Hamilton enlisted as a private in Battery A, 1st Battalion Trench Artillery, 9th Regiment, New York. He was sent to Fort Hancock, New Jersey, where he volunteered for overseas duty. On January 4, 1918, he sailed on the America and arrived in Brest January 23.

He served at Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, and Argonne. From March 1, 1919, until June 30, 1919, he was a student at the University of Rennes, Brittany. He left Brest July 5, 1919, and arrived in New York City July 14. He was discharged from the service July 18.

After his discharge he returned to forestry work. Eventually he moved back to New York City. In 1970 he was living in Brooklyn and spending the summer at Montauk. He never married.

Reference: Alumni Office and University Archives, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

Graduates and Former Students of the Yale Forestry School (New Haven, 1913), pp. 243, 244.

HARRIET FIDELIA⁵ COAN (Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, August 18, 1839, the daughter of Titus and Fidelia (Church) Coan. As a young girl she went back to the States to complete her education. She returned to the islands to enter upon what she believed to be her life's work--teaching there. She spent her life in this career; and as her obituary states, "as an educator she was always sought."

In 1905 she was operated on for cancer, and she never quite rallied from the effects of this operation. Nevertheless, she taught at the Union School until the close of the term in 1906. When she went into the hospital a week before she died, she calmly announced to her friends that she did not expect to see them again. She died July 23, 1906.

Her estate was valued at more than \$10,000. Most of this she left to her sister Sarah. She also remembered her brother Titus, her nephew Raymond Coan, the Foreign Church, and the cemetery for maintenance of the Coan lot. In her will following the disposition of her property, she gave minute details as to how she wished her funeral conducted, even to the number of hacks to be engaged. The situation of her grave was carefully specified, and her executor was directed to purchase an inexpensive gravestone which was to be marked: "Harriet F. Coan, 1839-1906, Gone Home."

Reference: Hawaiian Herald (Hilo), July 26, 1906. (Collection of Edward M. Coan).

SARAH ELIZA⁵ COAN (Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, January 26, 1843, the daughter of Titus and Fidelia (Church) Coan. October 5, 1880, she married Edward Emerson Waters, and they lived in Kingston, New York. Edward died June 14, 1908; Sarah, March 29, 1916, in New York City. They left no children.

Reference: Emens, Descendants of Captain Samuel Church, p. 42

SAMUEL LATIMER⁵ COAN (Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, January 23, 1846, the son of Titus and Fidelia (Church) Coan. He married Jerusha Biggs Spear June 8, 1877. Samuel died January 18, 1887, at Hilo.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Harold Latimer, b. Feb. 24, 1878; d. Aug. 17, 1878.
- ii. Raymond Church, b. Sept. 9, 1884

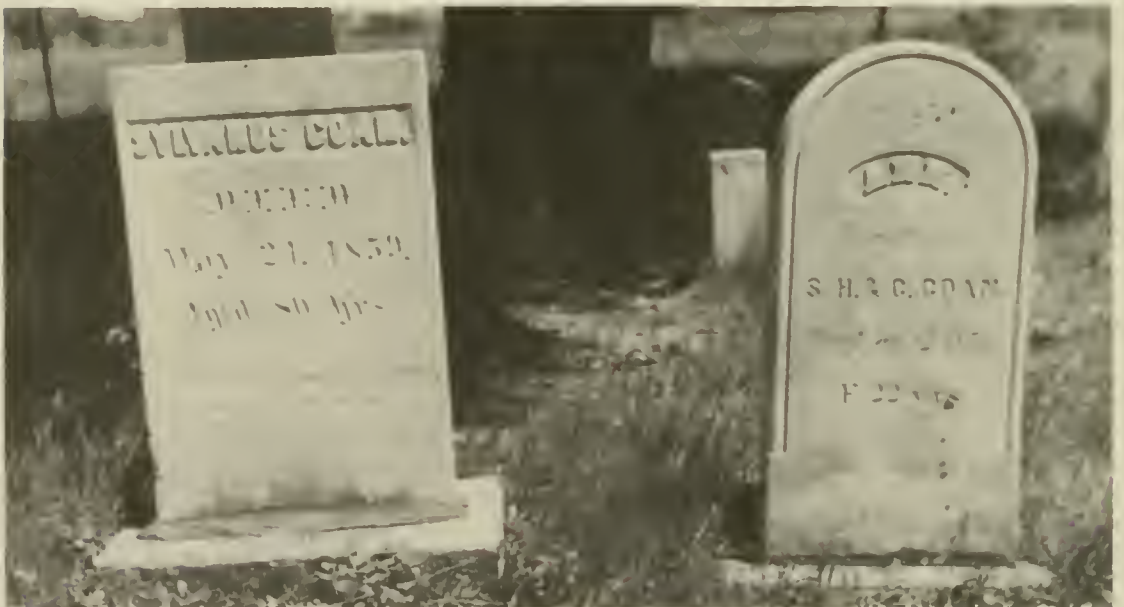
RAYMOND CHURCH⁶ COAN (Samuel L.⁵, Titus⁴, Gaylord³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, September 9, 1884, the son of Samuel Latimer and Jerusha Biggs (Spear) Coan. He went to the States to Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, and to Cornell University, Ithaca, for his advanced education. At Cornell he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and later was a non-resident member of the Cornell Club of New York City. In 1917 during World War I he went to France and was a first lieutenant, United States Army Ambulance Service with the French Army. On November 11, 1918, he was serving in the Sanitary Service Unit 584, American Expeditionary Forces. He was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and honorably discharged May 5, 1919. After the Armistice he took a course at Sainte Nazaire. When he returned to this country, he lived in Avon Springs and Tampa, Florida. He died single December 10, 1951.

Reference: Sarah Burr Coan's notes (Edward M. Coan Collection)

Department of Manuscripts and University Archives,
Cornell University, 101 Olin Library, Ithaca,
NY 14853



Cemetery in Sandgate, Vermont. Stone in front marks the grave of Lucy Coan Warner; stone to the right is that of her husband, William Warner. Courtesy Robert W. Fulton.



Gravestones of Sylvanus³ Coan and his granddaughter Ann, daughter of his son, Sylvanus Hugh, Bidwell Cemetery, Parish, New York.

CHAPTER 8

LUCY³ COAN AND SYLVANUS² COAN WITH THEIR DESCENDANTS

Principal Sources used in this chapter:

Lucien C. Warner and Mrs. Josephine Genung Nichols, comp., The Descendants of Andrew Warner (New Haven, Conn.: The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., 1919), pp. 254, 255, 379, 380, 381.

Margaret S. and Roger A. Ruth⁸, 390 Rock Beach Road, Rochester, NY 14617. (From their own research, family records, and personal genealogical collection, Margaret and Roger have contributed most of the data and the illustrations for Sylvanus³ Coan and his descendants.)

Other References given in text and after biographies where they have been used.

LUCY³ COAN (Mulford², George¹) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, in 1765 or 1766, the daughter of Mulford and Mary (Stone) Coan. On March 20, 1780, she married in Woodbury, William Warner, who was born in Judea, Connecticut, November 12, 1770, the son of Eliphaz and Mercy (Drinkwater) Warner. Eliphaz and Mercy came from Middletown, Connecticut, to Sandgate, Vermont, in 1776. He served as a soldier in the various alarms during the American Revolution. He was on the Proprietors Committee and laid out most of the first land surveys for Sandgate.

William was a farmer in Sandgate, and the Federal Census for Vermont, 1850, recorded him there with property valued at \$1,000. That same census listed the William Warner & Co., a lumbering business, which no doubt belonged to him. It turned logs into boards by the use of water power, employed three hired hands, and paid a male laborer an average of \$50 a month. The company produced 70,000 feet of boards and 30,000 feet of clapboards annually.

Lucy died in Sandgate October 2, 1815, in her 41st year. William married second Abigail Root, who died June 13, 1818, in her 34th year. He married third Prudence Nickerson by whom he had four children: James, Lucy Mercy, Ira N., and Ann. He died May 24, 1856, in Sandgate and was buried with his first two wives in the cemetery there.

Children (4) WARNER

- i. Mary, b. Jan. 8, 1799
- ii. William, b. Nov. 6, 1801
- iii. Joseph, b. Oct. 7, 1803
- iv. Lucina, b. Dec. 6, 1805, in Sandgate; m. Clark Reed and lived in Jasper, Ohio
- v. Gaylord Coan, b. Apr. 1, 1808
- vi. Benjamin Stone, b. June 15, 1810
- vii. John, b. June 2, 1812

Reference: Gravestones: cemetery in Sandgate, Vt.

Irma E. Renner, The Story of Sandgate, Vermont 1761-1961 (Shaftsbury, Vt.: Farnham & Farnham, 1961), p. 19.

MARY WARNER⁴, the daughter of William and Lucy (Coan) Warner, was born in Sandgate, Vermont, January 8, 1799. She married Samuel Meeker. The Federal Census of 1850 of Vermont, town of Sandgate, recorded Ira Warner, aged 20, and Ann Warner, aged 17, children of Mary's father's third wife, as living with Mary and Samuel.

WILLIAM WARNER, JR.⁴, the son of William and Lucy (Coan) Warner, was born in Sandgate, Vermont, November 6, 1801. In 1825 he married Sally Safford. He was a farmer and moved from Vermont to Ohio by carriage in 1831. In Ohio he settled in Munson, Geauga County. Sally died in 1864; William in 1892.

Children (5) WARNER

- i. DeWitt Clinton
- ii. Irwin
- iii. Amos
- iv. Abner
- v. Elizabeth
- vi. Annette
- vii. Lucy

DEWITT CLINTON WARNER⁵, the son of William, Jr., and Sally (Safford) Warner, married Ann Pugsley.

Children (6) WARNER

- i. Eugene Leslie, b. Oct. 31, 1863
- ii. Cyrus C., d. in Cleveland, Ohio, Feb., 1913; married and had a son Nelson, as well as one other son

EUGENE LESLIE WARNER⁶, the son of DeWitt Clinton and Ann (Pugsley) Warner, was born October 31, 1863, in Munson, Ohio. On December 11, 1889, in Chardon he married Edna Hazen, who was born in Munson May 11, 1864, the daughter of Livingston and Harriet (Downing) Hazen. In 1916 Eugene lived in Mantua, Ohio.

Children (7) WARNER

- i. Ethel Mae, b. Apr. 21, 1892, in Munson, Ohio; m. Jan. 19, 1910, in Ravenna James Ishee; they resided in Huntsburg; one son, Vaughn, born in Huntsburg Oct. 12, 1910

JOSEPH WARNER⁴, the son of William and Lucy (Coan) Warner, was born in Sandgate, Vermont, October 7, 1803. He married Mary Coville and was a farmer in Chesterland, Ohio. Mary died there January 28, 1890; Joseph, February 4, 1890.

Children (5) WARNER

- i. Adelbert, married and had three sons: Elmer; Wilbur, m. and had two daughters; and Harold
- ii. Sarah L., b. Apr. 30, 1830
- iii. Jane Ann, b. Nov. 5, 1832
- iv. Benjamin Silas, b. Dec. 24, 1834
- v. Andrew James, b. Jan. 13, 1837; m. Cynthia Rodgers Bartlett
- vi. Edwin Eugene, b. Sept. 14, 1843, in Chester, Ohio; was a teacher; d. Jan. 19, 1863

SARAH L. WARNER⁵, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Coville) Warner, was born April 30, 1830. She resided in Fullertown, Ohio, and married Granville Nichols.

Children (6) NICHOLS

- i. Victor, resided in Fullertown; m. and had two daughters, Hazel and Vera
- ii. Nellie, resided in Chagrin Falls, Ohio; m. _____ Robinson and had a daughter Florence, m. Clyde Hoopes and had a daughter Lucile
- iii. Florence, resided in Geneva, Ohio; m. _____ Pelton; had children, Forest and Gladys
- iv. Ernest, resided in Chagrin Falls, Ohio; m. and had a daughter Muriel and a son

JANE ANN WARNER⁵, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Coville) Warner, was born November 5, 1832, in Chester, Ohio. On June 20, 1851, she married Daniel Nutt, a farmer. They resided in Russell, Ohio, where she died July 2, 1900.

Children (6) NUTT

- i. Daniel, resided in Chagrin Falls, Ohio; had three children: Raymond, d. leaving a son Raymond, Jr.; Blanche, m. Herbert Winchell and had a son Lawrence; Ethel
- ii. Edna, m. and d. leaving no children
- iii. Nellie, had one son

BENJAMIN SILAS WARNER⁵, the son of Joseph and Mary (Coville) Warner, was born December 24, 1834, in Chester, Ohio. He was a farmer and in October, 1866, married Angeline Hawkins.

Children (6) WARNER

- i. Olga, had two children: Ellen and John
- ii. Gabbard
- iii. Florida
- iv. Delray

GAYLORD COAN WARNER⁴, the son of William, Jr., and Lucy (Coan) Warner, was born April 1, 1808, in Sandgate, Vermont. He was a farmer residing in Chardon, Ohio. On December 5, 1833, he was present at the first town meeting held at the organization of the town of Chatham, Ohio, and was one of eleven voters. February 4, 1833, he married Martha Packard. He married second Mary Adams.

Children (5) WARNER

- i. Darius John, b. June 30, 1834; m. Annette Elizabeth Hazen
- ii. Emma
- iii. Delphia
- iv. Julia

BENJAMIN STONE WARNER⁴, the son of William, Jr., and Lucy (Coan) Warner, was born June 15, 1810, in Sandgate, Vermont. He moved to Ohio in 1831, was a farmer in Munson, and justice of the peace from 1869 to 1875. On January 8, 1839, he married Hannah Malona Gleason.

Children (5) WARNER all born in Munson, Ohio

- i. Davis William, m. Martha Gilbert
- ii. Jane Viola, b. Dec. 3, 1842; m. David Rodgers Bartlett
- iii. John Barton, b. May 26, 1846; m. Almeda Jerusha Cole
- iv. Clarence Fremont, b. Aug. 7, 1855; m. Lavina Jane Hodges

JOHN WARNER⁴, the son of William, Jr., and Lucy (Coan) Warner, was born in Sandgate, Vermont, June 2, 1812. He resided in Sandgate as late as 1850, as he was recorded in the Federal Census of Vermont for that year as having farm property worth \$1,000. On November 1, 1838, he married Lydia Warren, who was born about 1815. All their children were born in Sandgate; but some time after 1850 he moved to Munson, Ohio and was an innkeeper there. He died in Munson February 19, 1889.

Children (5) WARNER

- i. John Henry, b. Sept. 8, 1839
- ii. Eliza Ann, b. Mar. 30, 1841
- iii. Daniel D., b. June 30, 1843
- iv. Joel B., b. July 10, 1844
- v. Mary L., b. Oct. 22, 1848
- vi. Sarah

JOHN HENRY WARNER⁵, the son of John and Lydia (Warren) Warner, was born in Sandgate, Vermont, September 8, 1839. He married Amelia Pratt and was justice of the peace in Munson, Ohio, from 1900 until 1910.

Children (6) WARNER

- i. Harriet Lucy, b. June 23, 1867
- ii. Emma, m. _____ Babcock, son of Levi Babcock;
children: Glenn, Milton, Rosetta

HARRIET LUCY WARNER⁶, the daughter of John Henry and Amelia (Pratt) Warner, was born in Munson, Ohio, June 23, 1867. She married there on September 23, 1887, Benjamin Franklin Hazen, who was born in Munson February 18, 1861, the son of Winchester and Amanda (Perry) Hazen. They lived in Munson. Harriet died in Munson in 1907. Benjamin married second January 1, 1909, Mrs. Ethia Taylor.

Children (7) HAZEN

- i. Charles Clarence, b. June 21, 1893, Munson, Ohio

ELIZA ANN WARNER⁶, the daughter of John and Lydia (Warren) Warner, was born March 30, 1841. She married first _____ La Dow; second, _____ Hodges.

Children (7) LA DOW

- i. Cora, m. George Hodges; had children, Mona and George Henry
- ii. Earl, m. and had children, Claude and Maria
- iii. Amy, m. James Zethmayr and had children, Gordon and Willard

MARY L. WARNER⁶, the daughter of John and Lydia (Warren) Warner, was born October 22, 1848. She married Perry Parker.

Children (7) PARKER

- i. Eva, m. _____ Hendricks and had children, Glad-den, Arleigh, and Perry
- ii. Willis, d. leaving no family

SYLVANUS³ COAN (Mulford², George¹) was born October 28, 1778, and baptized December 6, 1778, in Guilford, Connecticut, Congregational Church. He was the son of Mulford and Mary (Stone) Coan. When Sylvanus was in his teens in 1794, the family moved to Woodbury. On November 8, 1798, in Roxbury, he married Ruanna Tuttle, who was born in Roxbury July 28, 1781. She died February 15, 1801, at Woodbury.

Sylvanus was a cooper and a farmer. He married second Lucy Ann Munger November 1, 1801. She was born in Woodbury, November 3, 1783, the daughter of John and Ann (Hough) Munger. According to Barbour Records, Lucy Ann Munger had a son John Reynolds, born January 28, 1801. In the biography of Albert Stone Coan, in D. Hamilton Hurd's History of Fairfield County, Connecticut (Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis & Co., 1881), op. p. 64, Sylvanus and Lucy were said to have had four children. Records show only three. Could John Reynolds have been the fourth? Lucy divorced Sylvanus; and he went West, taking his younger son Milo with him. The older boy, Albert, remained with his mother. On October 22, 1810, maybe in Western Canada (now the province of Ontario) he married third Polly Hough, who was born May 27, 1784. About 1815 Sylvanus went to New York State. Polly died July 21, 1819, aged 35.

On September 9, 1820, probably at Parish, New York, Sylvanus married fourth Frances (Fanny) Williams, who was born June 27, 1802. Sylvanus lived for the rest of his life at Parish where he was magistrate of the town for many years and a prominent member of the Baptist Church. Sylvanus died, aged 81, May 24, 1859, at Parish and was buried there in Bidwell Cemetery. Fanny died March 31, 1888.

Children (4) COAN

by Ruanna

- i. Nelson T. Coan, b. Aug. 11, 1799

by Lucy Ann

- ii. Albert Stone, b. Aug. 11, 1803
- iii. Milo Mulford, b. Mar. 12, 1805
- iv. Emeline, b. ca. 1807; d. Jan. 24, 1810 at Roxbury

by Polly

- v. Marcia, b. June 27, 1811
- vi. Asahel, b. Apr. 13, 1813
- vii. Royal Ralph, b. Feb. 10, 1817
- viii. Sylvanus Hugh, b. July 2, 1819

by Fanny

- ix. Lorenzo D., b. Aug. 3, 1821
- x. William, b. Dec. 7, 1825
- xi. Helen, a twin, b. Sept. 28, 1828; m. Samuel C. Porter; d. June 8, 1849; buried Bidwell Cemetery, Parish, N. Y.
- xii. Harriet, a twin, b. Sept. 28, 1828; m. _____ Kemble; in 1892 living in Ilion, N. Y.; had one son
- xiii. Mary Jane (Polly); b. Aug. 5, 1832; m. Oris Slack; d. Dec. 9, 1873
- xiv. Ira Smith, b. Aug. 28, 1836

Reference: Mrs. Roger A. Ruth, copier of "Coan Family Bible Record," D.A.R. of New York State Unpublished Bible Records, Vol. 119, pp. 126-130 (Albany, New York State Library).

Vital Records, Roxbury, Conn., Vol. A, p. 343.

Vital Records, Woodbury, Conn., Vol. 1, p. 92.

NELSON T.⁴ COAN (Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Connecticut August 11, 1799, the son of Sylvanus and Ruanna (Tuttle) Coan. His mother died when he was about a year and a half old. The next record we have of him was found in Sandgate, Vermont, where his Aunt Lucy (Coan) Warner lived; so in all probability she brought him up. On November 7, 1830, Nelson married Nancy Remington in Sandgate, Vermont. She was born in Vermont about 1797. They lived in Sandgate where, according to the Federal Census for Vermont in 1850, Nelson was a mechanic; the Census in 1860, a miller. From September 16, 1853, until April 18, 1861, he was postmaster of Sandgate. According to a card file in Vital Records, Montpelier, Vermont, Nelson died in Sandgate March 20, 1864, aged 69. Either the date or the age is wrong. Either he died in 1864, aged 64; or he died in 1869, aged 69. These records have been copied, and maybe recopied, from the original; so errors do occur. Although two cemeteries were searched in Sandgate, his gravestone was not found.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Nelson
- ii. William Hayhurst, b. April 2, 1835

Reference: Ira E. Renner, The Story of Sandgate, Vermont 1761-1961 (Shaftsbury, Vt.: Farnham & Farnham, 1961), p. 53.

NELSON⁵ COAN (Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Sandgate, Vermont, the son of Nelson T. and Nancy (Remington) Coan. December 6, 1855, at Richford he married Olive Gross. Nelson was a farmer, and they resided in Richford and Enosburg.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Infant, d. July 25, 1858, Enosburg
- ii. O. D., b. Nov. 5, 1869, Richford, Vt.

Reference: Card file, Vital Records, Montpelier, Vt.

WILLIAM HAYHURST⁵ COAN (Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Sandgate, Vermont, April 2, 1835, the son of Nelson T. and Nancy (Remington) Coan. He married Amelia _____, who was born in Saratoga Springs, May 24, 1832. They lived in Sandgate until sometime between 1859 and 1862 when they moved to Missouri. Amelia died November 1, 1871, and William married second Alice C. Van Wagnen, who was born July 24, 1849. Alice died October 4, 1883. William died in Texas November 15, 1913.

Children (6) COAN

by Amelia

- i. Henrietta, b. Nov. 30, 1855, Sandgate, Vt.
- ii. Mary B., b. Apr. 14, 1857, Sandgate, Vt.
- iii. George, b. 1862, Miller County, Mo.
- iv. Julia B., b. 1866, Buchanon County, Mo.

by Alice

- v. Ernest Ellwood, b. 1870; son of Alice adopted by William
- vi. Will A., b. July 20, 1873
- vii. Elroy Burdette, b. Feb. 12, 1876
- viii. Cora Maude, b. 1880

Reference: From "Family History" by Grady B. Coan, Aztec, N. M., as it appeared in Virginia Catherine Coan Wiles, The Coan Family of America, 1963, Vol. I (Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Department Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Microfilm No. 525,726).

GEORGE⁶ COAN (William H.⁵, Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in 1862 in Miller County, Missouri, the son of William Hayhurst and Amelia Coan. He married Luna Adele Van Wagnen, who was born August 29, 1857.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Walter, b. 1889; d. 1890
- ii. Rachel, b. 1891; m. Jewell Phillips; d. 1915
- iii. Floyd, b. 1894
- iv. Vesta, b. 1895
- v. Irving, b. Sept. 11, 1897; m. Jean _____; was a minister
- vi. Jesse Iona, b. Sept. 1, 1900; m. _____ Hendricks
- vii. Amelia, b. 1905

Reference: Grady Coan, Wiles, Coan Family of America, Vol. I.

ERNEST ELLWOOD⁶ COAN (William H.⁵, Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in 1870, the son of Alice Van Wagnen and an adopted son of William Hayhurst Coan. He married Sue Ellen Schubert, who was born about 1874 in Tusculum, Missouri. Ernest died young leaving Ellen with two small children. She pioneered an Oklahoma claim and later did nursing in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and Arizona before moving to National City, California, in 1925. She was a member of Southwest Chapter 345, Order of Eastern Star, and of the First Methodist church, both in National City. She died July 1, 1947, in National City and was buried in Glen Abbey Memorial Park.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Mabel, b. in Missouri; teacher in elementary school; lived in National City, California, in 1973
- ii. Otis Welton, b. Apr. 21, 1895

Reference: Richard W. Coan to John V. Coan, September 29, 1973.

"Mrs. Ellen S. Coan, Mother of Two Teachers Succumbs," San Diego Union, July 2, 1947, p. 8, Col. 1.

OTIS WELTON⁷ COAN (Ernest E.⁶, William H.⁵, Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Iberia, Missouri, April 21, 1895, son of Ernest and Sue Ellen (Schubert) Coan. He was graduated from Hastings college with an A.B. degree in 1922 and did graduate study at the University of Kansas and the University of Arizona. In 1928 he received an M.A. degree from the University of California in Berkley.

In June, 1925, he married Dorothy Wilson. In 1924-1925 he was instructor in English at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; 1925-1926 at Central Junior College, El Centro, California; and in 1929 at Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, where in 1978 he was professor emeritus.

During World War I in 1918-1919 he served with the United States Army. He was a member of American Civil Liberties Union, American Friends Service Committee, Fellowship of Reconciliation, and Friends Committee on Legislation. Otis and Dorothy were divorced; and September 3, 1940, he married second Berenice Ellman.

Otis's writings included Rocktown, Arkansas, a novel; America in Fiction: An Annotated List of Novels That Interpret Aspects of Life in the United States, which he edited with Richard G. Lillard; and Traveling, a book of poems. Also, he was a contributor to education, civil rights, and consumer publications. In 1973 he lived in Palo Alto, California.

Children (8) COAN

by Dorothy

- i. Donald Wilson
- ii. Richard Welton, b. Jan. 24, 1928

by Berenice

- iii. Eugene Victor, b. Mar. 26, 1943; a marine biologist, worked in 1973 for the Sierra Club; with James Graham Cooper wrote Pioneer Western Naturalist published in 1982.

Reference: Richard W. Coan to John V. Coan, September 29, 1973.

Christine Nasso, ed., Contemporary Authors, Permanent Series (Detroit, Mich.: Gale Research Company, 1978), Vol. 2, p. 122.

DONALD WILSON⁸ COAN (Otis W.⁷, Ernest E.⁶, William H.⁵, Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was the son of Otis Welton and Dorothy (Wilson) Coan. He married Grace Ite. In 1973 he was a social worker, and they lived in Sacramento, California.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Avis, b. 1951
- ii. Norman, b. 1953
- iii. Carol, b. 1955
- iv. Iris, b. 1959
- v. Darwin

Reference: Richard W. Coan to John V. Coan, September 29, 1973

RICHARD WELTON⁸ COAN (Otis W.⁷, Ernest E.⁶, William H.⁵, Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Martinez, California, January 24, 1928, the son of Otis Welton and Dorothy (Wilson) Coan. He received an A.A. degree in 1946 from Los Angeles City College; an A.B. in 1948; and an M.A. in 1950 from the University of California, Berkley; a Ph.D. in 1955 from the University of Southern California.

He was a research associate in psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana, 1955-1957; assistant professor, 1957-1960, associate professor 1960-1964, professor of psychology, 1964--at the University of Arizona, Tucson. He was a member of American Psychological Association, Association for Humanistic Psychology, and the Society for Multivariate Experimental Psychology.

His writings included The Optimal Personality: An Empirical and Theoretical Analysis; Hero, Artist, Sage, or Saint?: A Survey of Views on What Is Variouslly Called Mental Health, Normality, Maturity, Self-Actualization, and Human Fulfillment. He has also contributed to several books in the field of psychology. In relation to his special concerns in his field Richard wrote: "My primary areas of research have been personality theory and pattern of theoretical orientation in psychology, but I have a general interest in the symbolic systems of mankind. I want to understand the psychological roots common to science, art, mythology, religion, and philosophy." Richard's other interests were musical composition and writing poetry.

He married Sigra Roswell. In 1973 they lived in Tucson, Arizona.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Lisa, b. 1951; m. _____ Cooper
- ii. Cynthia, b. 1960

Reference: Jane A. Bowden, ed., Contemporary Authors (Detroit, Mich.: Gale Research Company, 1978), Vol. 69-72, p. 136.

WILL A.⁶ COAN (William H.⁵, Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born July 20, 1873, the son of William Hayhurst and Alice (Van Wagnen) Coan. He married Neal Weeks. Will died October 30, 1936.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Beatrice, b. 1903
- ii. Minor, b. 1905
- iii. Carry, b. 1908
- iv. Ezell

Reference: Grady Coan, Wiles, Coan Family of America, Vol. I.

ELROY BURDETTE⁶ COAN (William H.⁵, Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born February 12, 1876, the son of William Hayhurst and Alice (Van Wagnen) Coan. He married Martha Weeks, who was born January 19, 1878. Elroy died in 1943; Martha, in 1959.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Joy Gertrude, b. Feb., 1898; m. J. M. Winters; had several children
- ii. Alice, b. 1899
- iii. Grady B., b. July 24, 1900
- iv. Robert Mansfield, b. June 25, 1903; m. Frances Givens; two children: Doris, Jes
- v. John Clifton, b. Mar. 10, 1905; m. Vera Crump; two children: Kenneth, Joan
- vi. Christian, b. 1907; m. Lloyd Jones
- vii. Elroy Burdette II, b. 1909; m. Vela Sue Neal; two children: Stanley, E. B.
- viii. Ethel June; m. Archie Tuttle
- ix. William Thomas; m. Alice _____; children: Delilah, Mary Ann, Thomas

Reference: Grady Coan, Wiles, Coan Family of America, Vol. I.

GRADY B.⁷ COAN (Elroy B.⁶, William H.⁵, Nelson T.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born July 24, 1900, the son of Elroy Burdette and Martha (Weeks) Coan. He married Nora Pugh, who was born March 31, 1909.

Children (8) COAN

- i. James M., b. July 16, 1931; m. Beverly Spineli
- ii. Caroline E., m. J. C. Casey; two children: Joni, b. 1957; John Coan, b. 1959

Reference: Grady Coan, Wiles, Coan Family of America, Vol. I.

ALBERT STONE⁴ COAN (Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Bridgewater, Litchfield County, Connecticut, August 11, 1803, the son of Sylvanus and Lucy Ann (Munger) Coan. When he was eight or nine years old, his father and mother were divorced; and his father went West. At the age of ten Albert was put out to work for Matthew Logan. He worked on the farm of Logan until he was eighteen or twenty years old when he

commenced to learn the boot and shoe trade. He had little formal education, but worked at his trade winters and on the farm summers for the next twelve years. He then worked a farm on shares for six years when he purchased his own farm in Woodbury. In 1845 he purchased a farm in Trumbull.

On December 6, 1824, he married Sarah Ann Thomas, who was born March 19, 1803, and died May 29, 1839, aged 36. On January 1, 1840, he married second Abby B. Burgess, who was born in Morris, Litchfield County, Connecticut, May 10, 1809. According to the Barbour Collection, Church Records of Trumbull Congregational Church, Vol. 3, pp. 78 and 146, when Albert and his daughter Sarah Abigail were baptized May 13, 1849, and when Albert was admitted to the church, his name was Albert Sylvanus, not Albert Stone. He apparently changed the Sylvanus to Stone, since all other records list him as Albert Stone.

Albert was a life-long Democrat of the Jeffersonian school. He served as town assessor, a delegate to town and county conventions, and was a member of the State Legislature in 1868. He and Abby belonged to the Congregational Church of Trumbull Centre. Abby died June 23, 1886. Albert died in Shelton January 25, 1898, aged 95.

Children (5) COAN

by Sarah

- i. William Wallace, b. Mar. 1, 1826
- ii. Sarah Abigail, b. June 2, 1831
- iii. Albert Martin, b. Feb. 17, 1835
- iv. Henry Fowler, b. Oct. 6, 1837

by Abby

- v. Wesley Burgess, b. Mar. 21, 1842

Reference: D. Hamilton Hurd, History of Fairfield, Connecticut (Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis & Co., 1881), between pp. 804 and 805.

WILLIAM WALLACE⁵ COAN (Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born March 1, 1826, son of Albert Stone and Sarah Ann (Thomas) Coan. He married Mary E. Andrews. William died May 1, 1855; Mary, September 4, 1863. They had no children.

SARAH ABIGAIL⁵ COAN (Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born June 2, 1831, daughter of Albert Stone and Sarah Ann (Thomas) Coan. On April 29, 1850, she married Samuel Booth. She married second Eli C. Hawley, who was born November 28, 1818. Sarah died December 22, 1888; Eli died April 20, 1899.

Children (6) BOOTH

- i. Eugene, b. Aug. 16, 1850; missionary to Japan

HAWLEY

- ii. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 14, 1855; d. Jan. 15, 1893
 iii. Seymour P., b. Sept. 19, 1856; d. Sept. 3, 1859
 iv. Edgar Homer, b. Oct. 10, 1858
 v. Arthur Nelson, b. Aug. 4, 1860
 vi. Wallace Burr, b. July 17, 1862; d. April 12, 1863
 vii. Susan Mary, b. May 12, 1864
 viii. Sarah Louise, b. Nov. 20, 1865
 ix. Wallace Grant, b. Nov. 17, 1867
 x. Grace Medora, b. Jan. 11, 1871
 xi. Frank Burr, b. June 9, 1872; d. Jan. 1, 1892, aged 19

ALBERT MARTIN⁵ COAN (Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born February 17, 1835, son of Albert Stone and Sarah Ann (Thomas) Coan. He married Annie S. Sizer of Holland Patent, New York. Albert enlisted to serve in the Civil War August 31, 1862. On November 14, 1862, he was mustered into the infantry, Company D, 23rd Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers. He was a private and was mustered out August 31, 1863. After Albert's death his widow lived in Brockport, New York.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Mary Frances, m. Gilbert Hamlin of Clarkson, N. Y. Feb. 3, 1888

HENRY FOWLER⁵ COAN (Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born October 6, 1837, the son of Albert Stone and Sarah Ann (Thomas) Coan. He married Mary A. Dewhurst. He was a corporal in the Civil War and enlisted August 18, 1862. He was mustered into the infantry, Company D, 23rd Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, November 14, 1862. Henry died October 17, 1904; Mary, April 2, 1907. They had no children.

WESLEY BURGESS⁵ COAN (Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, March 21, 1842, son of Albert Stone and Abby B. (Burgess) Coan. On August 25, 1862, he married Elizabeth Mary Shelton, who was born August 16, 1845, daughter of Sylvanus and Mariette (Hawley) Shelton. He was interested in Coan family history and was the author of the first genealogical manuscript on the Coans. Elizabeth died in September, 1925; Wesley, July 10, 1928.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Albert Wesley, b. Sept. 23, 1864
- ii. Irwin Shelton, b. Feb. 26, 1867
- iii. Minnie Abby, b. May 27, 1870

ALBERT WESLEY⁶ COAN (Wesley B.⁵, Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born September 23, 1864, son of Wesley Burgess and Elizabeth Mary (Shelton) Coan. On June 18, 1887, he married Alice Jeanette Curtis, who was born July 5, 1865. Alice died July 9, 1918; Albert, May 28, 1946.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Wesley Booth, b. June 8, 1891

WESLEY BOOTH⁷ COAN (Albert W.⁶, Wesley B.⁵, Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born June 8, 1891, son of Albert Wesley and Alice Jeanette (Curtis) Coan. On July 31, 1915, he married Florence Turkington, who was born December 30, 1888, daughter of Arthur and Laura Nancy (Dayton) Turkington of Morris, Connecticut. They lived in Derby, Connecticut. Wesley died in February, 1967.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Virginia Turkington, b. Jan. 13, 1917

VIRGINIA TURKINGTON⁸ COAN (Wesley B.⁷, Albert W.⁶, Wesley B.⁵, Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born January 13, 1917. On September 18, 1944, she married Joseph Franklin O'Brien, who was born June 30, 1914.

Children (9) O'BRIEN

- i. Joseph Franklin O'Brien, Jr., b. May 2, 1949
- ii. Robert David, b. Aug. 18, 1955

IRWIN SHELTON⁶ COAN (Wesley B.⁵, Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Trumbull, Connecticut, February 26, 1867, son of Wesley Burgess and Elizabeth Mary (Shelton) Coan. On January 12, 1888, he married Nelie Blakeman, who was born December 14, 1867. They lived in Derby.

Irwin served as deputy sheriff of New Haven for several years. He was city sheriff in Derby for four years, and a Derby alderman from 1929 until 1934. He was a member of the Derby Lodge of Elks and the First Congregational Church in Derby. For 12 years before he retired at age 84 he was a guard at Ansonia Water Company. Irwin was the oldest living

ex-fire chief in Connecticut and the oldest living member of Echo Hose, Hook, and Ladder Company in Shelton. He joined Echo Hose in 1896 and later served as chief and foreman (captain).

Nelie died May 26, 1952. Irwin died January 2, 1968, at the age of 100, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Shelton.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Bessie Chatfield, b. Oct. 2, 1889

Reference: Newspaper Clipping of Jan. 2, 1968, paper unknown (Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Ruth).

BESSIE CHATFIELD⁷ COAN (Irwin S.⁶, Wesley B.⁵, Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born October 2, 1889, daughter of Irwin Shelton and Nelie (Blakeman) Coan. She married William H. Cloughessy January 12, 1909. He was born February 25, 1885, and died May 23, 1962. Bessie died March 21, 1957.

Children (8) CLOUGHESY

- i. Irwin Wesley, b. Aug. 17, 1914; d. Nov. 9, 1915
- ii. Elizabeth Nelie, b. Nov. 13, 1917; m. John S. Wheeler, June 29, 1940; he was born Nov. 21, 1913; no children
- iii. Helen Jean, b. Jan. 26, 1921; m. Joseph Jenks Sept. 26, 1953; he was born Aug. 20, 1923; no children

MINNIE ABBY⁶ COAN (Wesley B.⁵, Albert S.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born at Trumbull, Connecticut, May 27, 1870, daughter of Wesley Burgess and Elizabeth Mary (Shelton) Coan. On October 20, 1887, at Trumbull Minnie married Frank Lester Wheeler, who was born at Easton, February 20, 1863, son of Henry and Sarah Ann (Banks) Wheeler. Frank was a farmer at Derby, Connecticut. He died in March, 1944; Minnie died June 25, 1955. They had no children.

Reference: History of the Wheeler Family in America (Boston: American College of Genealogy, 1914), p. 884.

MILO MULFORD⁴ COAN (Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Woodbury, Connecticut, March 12, 1805, son of Sylvanus and Lucy Ann (Munger) Coan. When his father and mother were divorced, he went West with his father sometime about 1812. They were living in West Canada, now Ontario, in 1813. In the 1820s Sylvanus moved to Parish, Oswego County, New York;



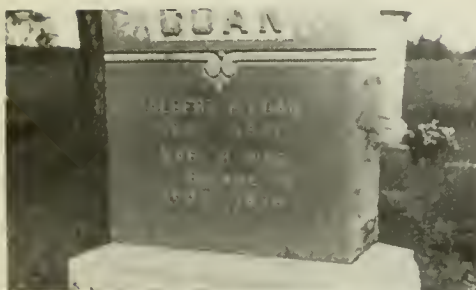
Milo Mulford Coan



Albert Stone Coan



Wesley Burgess Coan



Grave of Albert H. Coan, son of Milo, Bidwell Cemetery, Parish, New York.



Irwin Shelton Coan



Asahel Coan



*Newton O. Coan and his wife
Emma.*



Franjeskia Coan Keeler



*Marcia Coan, daughter of
Newton O. Coan.*



Rosanna McLymond Coan

and Milo moved with the family. He cleared land there for a farm and February 26, 1829, married Elizabeth Maybee, who was born July 28, 1807. Elizabeth died in Parish May 28, 1863; Milo died there October 19, 1891. They were both buried in Bidwell Cemetery in Parish.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Joseph, b. 1830
- ii. Ann Eliza, b. June 14, 1832; m. 1) _____ Kern;
m. 2) _____ Davy; d. July 22, 1897
- iii. Albert H., b. Feb. 21, 1834
- iv. David, b. Apr. 12, 1835; d. July 21, 1838
- v. Warner Joseph, b. Aug. 17, 1836; d. July 13, 1840
- vi. Henry William, b. June 23, 1840; d. Nov. 15, 1841
- vii. Marcia, b. July 13, 1843; d. June 3, 1844
- viii. George T., b. Mar. 1, 1846
- ix. Milo, b. 1855

ALBERT H.⁵ COAN (Milo M.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Parish, New York, February 21, 1834, son of Milo Mulford and Elizabeth (Maybee) Coan. On April 15, 1874, he married Mary R. Wing, who was born June 3, 1837. Mary died November 25, 1896; Albert, March 2, 1914, aged 80.

Children (6) COAN

- i. William F., adopted

MARCIA⁴ COAN (Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born June 27, 1811, daughter of Sylvanus and Polly (Hough) Coan. On June 28, 1832, she married Orson Smith of Manlius, New York. Orson died December 5, 1886; Marcia died February 19, 1892.

Children (5) SMITH

- i. Daughter, m. Chittenden
- ii. Daughter; m. Harter
- iii. O. Duane

The following biography of Asahel Coan was written by Margaret S. Ruth:

ASAHEL⁴ COAN (Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born April 13, 1813, in West Canada, son of Sylvanus and Polly (Hough) Coan. He moved with his family to Parish, Oswego County, New York, in the mid-1820s. As he grew up, he helped his father Sylvanus Coan and his elder half-brother Milo clear the land

for their farms, located a bit north of the village. Milo's home was near his, and great friends as they were all their lives, they now sleep peacefully near each other, surrounded by their families, in Bidwell Cemetery, about three miles northeast of the town. Despite his stern appearance in his portrait, Asahel was a gentle, kindly man with many friends in the town and county. For years he contributed articles to local newspapers in Parish, Mexico, and the county seat of Oswego. Many clippings, which were preserved by his granddaughter Nellie Keeler, revealed his sentimental nature, his lively inquiring mind, and his deep appreciation of history and man's relation to past, present and future. He may not have had a great deal of formal education, but he obviously read widely to be able to express so many thoughts so clearly, in an extensive vocabulary. Now and again his ideas varied somewhat from "small-town" tradition.

In 1875 he helped found The Old Settlers Association of Oswego County, which held annual gatherings (old fashioned picnics!) attended by as many as 500 persons at times. He submitted detailed reports of these meetings to the newspapers, several of which have been saved.

Longevity fascinated him. He wrote one article after another, reporting on the great age attained by individuals whom he knew in Oswego County. Discounting his flowery language (characteristic of his period) we easily discern his genuine concern for the tender loving care which very elderly persons ought to receive from family and friends.

He himself nearly reached the age of 82. He would have been pleased to read the statement in "Landmarks of Oswego County" (page 663) that when he died January 1, 1895, "he was the oldest correspondent of the 'Parish Mirror,' and one of the oldest citizens of the town."

On September 14, 1840, Asahel married Rosanna McLymond, who was born in 1818, daughter of Bruce McLymond from Scotland and his wife Anna. Rosanna died in Parish, New York, June 3, 1894. Asahel died there January 1, 1895. They were both buried in Bidwell Cemetery in Parish.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Franjeskia, b. Aug. 21, 1842
- ii. Byron T., b. Jan. 12, 1844; d. Apr. 5, 1844, Parish, N. Y.
- iii. Myron F., b. Apr. 23, 1845
- iv. Newton O., b. Dec. 27, 1846
- v. Corrie Albertine, b. Oct. 5, 1854; d. Mar. 29, 1875 unmarried; buried Bidwell Cemetery, Parish, N. Y.

The following story, written by Asahel Coan, appeared in one of the local newspapers to which he contributed many articles. It was taken from a clipping saved by a Parish resident--no newspaper name, no date. Mrs. Ruth suggested 1884 as a possible date.

LIFE IN THE WOODS

A FISHING PARTY IN 1824

"Hello, old settler, give us another wolf story", was the salutation we received the other day while passing the house of an old friend, an early settler of three score years. But not feeling exactly in a wolf story mood, we promised to tell a fish story. We are well aware of a disposition among the people to discount fish stories rather largely; whether this idea originated on account of the "great fish" mentioned by an ancient writer we can only conjecture. However, as we are the only survivor of our fishing party it will be difficult for outsiders to prove that our fish story needs much discount.

Early in the summer of 1824, with my father (Sylvanus Coan) and Judge Henry Williams we two boys wended our way from Stone hill through the woods by a line of marked trees about three miles to a pond near West Amboy, since known as "Coan Pond". At that time the primitive forest covered the larger part of Oswego County, the wild beast made its lair beneath its shade undisturbed by man; while the finny tribe in almost countless numbers sported beneath the waters. The croak of the bullfrog, the hoot of the owl, the long doleful howl of the wolf and occasionally the shrill shriek of the panther often made night fearful to the timid. But our fish story: We reached our point of destination about noon, near the shore among some lofty pines beside a sparkling spring. We found a fisherman's shanty, we gathered some hemlock brush for a bed, and had a very comfortable place to lodge for the night. And of course the next business in order was fishing.

The only boat was a log canoe with a carrying capacity of four or five men, but the old men not thinking it safe for all of us to embark on board at the same time concluded to leave us two boys on shore while they went on the pond. To this we demurred; we thought all the fun was on the pond. However, when the old men were off half a mile we rigged our fish tackle, perched ourselves on the trunk of a huge pine that had fallen half its length into the water. We didn't wait long in suspense; we soon "got a bite" and soon the scaley beauties began to accumulate along the shore on dry land, and in about three or four hours we caught 184 rock bass that weighed about a pound and a half each. But the secret of our success was we had struck a spawning bed where hundreds of fish might have been seen from any stand point along the shore for more than forty rods.

Towards evening the old men came up chuckling over their "big catch" of ten or fifteen pounds of small fish and one black bass that weighed about three pounds. But when they saw "our pile" more than four men could carry, they "caved in", and you can bet there was two big boys 'round

'bout that time--none of your small fry fishermen though neither of us had yet reached our teens. We built a camp fire, roasted some fish and what with provisions we had brought with us we had a splendid supper. O how we enjoyed life in those days. During the night our quiet repose was disturbed by a bear who put in a claim to a part of our fish, but the old judge soon decided the case: he drew a brand from the smouldering camp fire, and the way the fire flew among them trees was a new idea to bears, and Bruin made off double quick. And this was our first lesson in camp life. It was no use for them big boys to tell their big fish stories after that, we could beat them out of sight.

A. Coan

FRANJESKIA⁵ COAN (Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Parish, New York, August 21, 1842, daughter of Asahel and Rosanna (McLymond) Coan. On December 31, 1860, she married William Marvin Keeler, who was born March 6, 1837, son of Nathan Olmstead Keeler and his third wife Elizabeth (Henderson) Keeler. Franjeskia and William lived in a small house in Parish. During the school year to eke out the family income, they took in boarders--young people from outlying areas who wanted to attend the high school in Parish. She gained quite a reputation for her motherly care of these youngsters. After Franjeskia's death, William lived with their daughter Nellie, Mrs. Jacob Schumacher, in Parish until his tragic death. He was run over by the evening train at the town station. He was stone deaf and did not hear the train approaching.

Franjeskia died November 7, 1889; William October 13, 1903. They were both buried in Bidwell Cemetery in Parish.

Children (6) KEELER

- i. Jasper, d. young
- ii. Nathan Avery, b. Aug. 12, 1862
- iii. Nellie May, b. Aug. 25, 1863

NATHAN AVERY KEELER⁶, son of William Marvin and Franjeskia (Coan) Keeler, was born August 12, 1862, in Parish, New York. He married Rosina Katherine Holzer, who was born June 4, 1869. They had ten children. Nathan died December 22, 1939; Rosina, August 10, 1953.

Children (7) KEELER

- i. Harley W., b. Jan. 17, 1888; d. Feb. 5, 1905
- ii. Frank Frederick, b. Feb. 28, 1890; d. Jan. 1, 1931
- iii. Margaret Nellie, b. Mar. 11, 1892



(top left) Franjeskia Coan Keeler and William Marvin Keeler. (top right) Franjeskia's children, Nellie May and Nathan Avery Keeler. (center) Home of Franjeskia Coan Keeler. (bottom right) Gravestone of William Keeler in Bidwell Cemetery, Parish, New York.





Family of Nathan Avery Keeler, 1916: (back, left to right) Delvin; Carl Baker, husband of Margaret Nellie; Paul; Floyd; Frank (front, left to right) Margaret Nellie Baker; Gerald; Rosina Katherine Holzer Keeler, mother; Jessie.



Nellie May Keeler Schumacher



Nora May Schumacher, age 6.

- iv. Florence, b. Jan. 13, 1894; d. Mar. 14, 1897
- v. Delvin (Dell), b. Apr. 17, 1897
- vi. Paul Avery, b. July 19, 1899; d. Oct. 6, 1936
- vii. Floyd Chester, b. Apr. 27, 1902; m. Marie Llewellyn Dec. 20, 1930; one daughter Joan who married and had two children; d. Sept. 2, 1961
- viii. Jessie Venette, b. Apr. 21, 1904
- ix. Virgil, b. Feb. 25, 1906; d. same day
- x. Gerald Gracely, b. Mar. 2, 1909; m. Mrs. Mary Kleinheinz Rutherford, Apr. 26, 1940; no children

MARGARET NELLIE KEELER⁷, daughter of Nathan Avery and Rosina Katherine (Holzer) Keeler, was born March 11, 1892. She married Carl E. Baker July 8, 1914. He died in 1925. On December 25, 1927, she married second Grover Gene Pollan. Margaret died August 28, 1942.

Children (8) BAKER

- i. Lorenzo K., b. Dec. 12, 1916; m. Margaret Leona King; one daughter, Cinda, b. Feb., 1945; Cinda m. 1965; Lorenzo died in air crash Jan. 26, 1945
- ii. Norman Carlyle, b. Sept. 17, 1918; m. Alice Buchanan
- iii. Evadne Margaret, b. June 23, 1921; m. Roland A. Maurer; one son, Dennis, b. Mar. 1, 1943

(8) POLLAN

- iv. Grover Gene, Jr., m. Margaret Warner; children: Rickey, Jeanne, Theresa

DELVIN (DELL) KEELER⁷, son of Nathan Avery and Rosina Katherine (Holzer) Keeler, was born April 17, 1897. He married Sadie Schmedeka April 4, 1926. They lived in Grangeville, Idaho.

Children (8) KEELER

- i. Lavern, m. Edith _____
- ii. Betty Lou, m. Roy Castle; one daughter Linda

JESSIE VENETTE KEELER⁷, daughter of Nathan Avery and Rosina Katherine (Holzer) Keeler, was born April 21, 1904. On December 22, 1937, she married Walter J. Becker, who was born January 6, 1907, and died March 16, 1970. They lived in Greenacres, Washington.

Children (8) BECKER

- i. Richard Walter, b. Aug. 4, 1940; m. Geraldine Bunge; children: Mark Joseph, b. Nov. 12, 1962; Christine Louise, b. Feb. 25, 1964; Julie Ann, b. Mar. 24, 1967; lived in Bellevue, Washington

NELLIE MAY KEELER⁶, daughter of William Marvin and Franjeskia (Coan) Keeler, was born in Amboy, New York, August 25, 1863. On May 27, 1880, she married Jacob William Schumacher, who was born in Albany, New York, September 15, 1855, son of Andrew and Christina (Keck) Schumacher. Andrew and Christina were both born in Germany and came to the United States from the Black Forest in the early 1850s. Nellie and Jacob spent most of their married life in Parish where he had his own small factory for manufacturing cigars from domestic tobacco. He was an avid gardener and a devoted bee keeper. He loved fishing, especially in nearby Oneida Lake. When he retired from the cigar manufacturing business, Nellie and he lived with several of their daughters in Rochester and on Long Island.

Luckily for this genealogy, Nellie believed in never throwing anything away; and many of the pictures in this chapter have survived until the present because of her care. Jacob died October 30, 1925, on Long Island. Nellie died in Garden City, New York, April 4, 1941.

Children (7) SCHUMACHER

- i. Nora May, b. May 2, 1883
- ii. Cassie Belle, b. Aug. 6, 1888
- iii. Olive Grace, b. Mar. 20, 1895
- iv. Verna Inez, b. Apr. 22, 1901
- v. Jay Augustus, b. Sept. 6, 1902

NORA MAY SCHUMACHER⁷, daughter of Jacob William and Nellie May (Keeler) Schumacher, was born in Parish, New York, May 2, 1883. She was an attractive, dainty, blonde. On October 3, 1905, she married Robert Harley Ruth, who was born June 17, 1880, in Houlton, Maine. His father and grandfather had large lumbering operations in the virgin forests of Northern Maine. Robert attended Ricker Academy in Houlton, Maine, and Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he met Nora. He became a salesman for electrical manufacturers and in 1919 set up his own electrical contracting business in Rochester, New York.

Robert was descended from Scotch and Scotch-Irish immigrants. One of them was John Stewart (1738-1805) who fought with the "Black Watch," the 42nd Regiment of Highlanders, at the Battle of Montreal, 1760. He later settled on the Miramichi River in New Brunswick. (Robert Ruth's family is the



Roger Allan Ruth



Margaret Sayre Stallman Ruth



Homer Wright Bolender, Jr., and his daughter Patricia Ann.



Family of John Alfred Ewald, Jr.: Katherine Cassandra Ewald; Jane Caroline Roseberry Ewald, mother; John Hiram Ewald; John Alfred Ewald, Jr.; Charles Hildreth Ewald.



Avery Howard Coan and his wife Mary Trudell Coan with their granddaughters Kelly Maree Coan and Jocelyn Rae Coan.



Richard Howard Coan and his wife Patricia Ellen Ducharme Coan and daughter Jocelyn Rae.

subject of a book published in 1981 by Roger and Margaret Ruth.)

Nora joined the Daughters of the American Revolution on the service of Isaiah Keeler, Jr., (1761-1852). Robert died July 11, 1962, Rochester, New York. Nora died there March 13, 1964.

Children (8) RUTH

- i. James Robert, b. May 12, 1911; d. July 25, 1912,
New York City
- ii. Roger Allan, b. Apr. 29, 1913

ROGER ALLAN RUTH⁸, son of Robert Harley and Nora May (Schumacher) Ruth, was born in Rutherford, New Jersey, April 29, 1913. From the time he was a young boy, he was always interested in mechanics and electricity. He worked for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, as electrical engineer for 36 years and retired in 1971. He served in increasingly responsible capacities at Eastman. He assisted with the development of the first sound movie projector, and during World War II he helped produce the V. T. Fuse, one of the most crucial and decisive weapons the United States Army and Navy used to win the war in Europe and in the Pacific theater.

At Eastman Kodak Roger met Margaret Sayre Stallman, whom he married October 7, 1950. She was born May 17, 1911, at Salt Lake City, Utah, daughter of Dr. George Philip and Myra Willson (Rafter) Stallman. Dr. Stallman was an Army doctor, and during her childhood Margaret lived on various Army posts from the Philippine Islands to the East Coast of the United States. In 1932 she was graduated from Mount Holyoke College. She then did secretarial work; first, for a Rochester, New York, physician; and then for Eastman Kodak until her marriage in 1950.

On the service of her ancestor James Willson, Margaret joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. On his mother's line Roger was a life member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and served as president of the Rochester Chapter for three years. Both Margaret and Roger were interested in genealogy and traveled to many ancestral sites here and abroad. In addition, they both enjoyed stamp collecting and photography.

In 1882 they lived in Rochester on the shore of Lake Ontario near the mouth of the Genesee River. They often told their friends that their front yard stretched 55 miles, all the way to Canada. However, due to the earth's curvature, even on a clear day one could not see that far.

Children (9) RUTH

- i. Charles, b. and d. Aug. 17, 1952

CASSIE BELLE SCHUMACHER⁷, daughter of Jacob William and Nellie May (Keeler) Schumacher, was born in Parish, New York, August 6, 1888. After graduating from the normal school in Oneonta, New York, she taught school for a number of years at Hollis, Long Island. On July 23, 1922, she married Homer Wright Bolender, who was born June 11, 1897, at Dayton, Ohio. They lived at Hempstead, Long Island. Homer was an extremely successful salesman for the National Cash Register Company. Cassie died at West Palm Beach, Florida, November 23, 1967. Homer died there September 13, 1969.

Children (8) BOLENDER

- i. Homer Wright, Jr., b. July 25, 1929

HOMER WRIGHT BOLENDER, JR.⁸, son of Homer Wright and Cassie Belle (Schumacher) Bolender, was born July 25, 1929, at Hempstead, Long Island, New York. He was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. On June 25, 1950, at Framingham, Massachusetts, he married Nancy Ann Barker, who was born May 16, 1930. During the 1950s he served in the armed forces and then worked as an engineer for a Binghamton, New York, firm until his untimely death at Chenango Bridge, New York, April 25, 1975, when he was only 45 years old.

Children (9) BOLENDER

- i. Peter Wright, b. Aug. 19, 1951; m. June 28, 1975, Julie Conrad of Chenango Bridge, N.Y.; one son: Gregory James, b. Nov. 4, 1980; m. second Marina Taccioco
- ii. Patricia Ann, b. Apr. 24, 1953; m. June 26, 1971, Ronald Joseph Utter of Greene, N.Y., where they resided in 1981; children: Nicole Rebecca, b. Jan. 22, 1974; Ronald Joseph, Jr., b. May 6, 1976; Brian James, b. July 11, 1978
- iii. John Daniel, b. Oct. 28, 1955; m. Dec. 31, 1980, Julie M. Fairchild

OLIVE GRACE SCHUMACHER⁷, daughter of Jacob William and Nellie May (Keeler) Schumacher, was born in Parish, New York, March 20, 1895. She was a secretary in downtown New York City and used to tell about the horrifying sway developed in the Woolworth Building in a high wind at the level of her office. Being the tallest building in the world at that time (except the Eiffel Tower in Paris), it was erected to withstand storms; so despite her fears she was perfectly safe.

On December 31, 1924, she married John Alfred Ewald, who was born December 22, 1901. They lived in Hempstead and Garden City, Long Island. John was just starting at the bottom of his lifetime career in the California Perfume

Company, later known as Avon Products. He became firm president and chairman of the board.

Olive died January 26, 1950. John married second Emma _____ in Garden City and in 1982 lived in Santa Barbara, California.

Children (8) EWALD

i. John Alfred, Jr., b. Mar. 13, 1928

JOHN ALFRED EWALD, JR.⁸, son of John Alfred and Olive Grace (Schumacher) Ewald, was born March 13, 1928. He was graduated from Yale University and the University of Virginia Law School and then opened a law office in Garden City, Long Island, New York. On November 13, 1954, he married Jane Carolyn Roseberry of Paris, Kentucky. She was born March 23, 1930. They had three children. Later they purchased a farm near Charlottesville, Virginia, where they raised thoroughbred horses that raced at Saratoga and other tracks. John died December 7, 1979; Jane continued to live on the Virginia farm. On December 26, 1982, she married second Roy Tolleson of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Children (9) EWALD

- i. John Hiram, b. June 9, 1956
- ii. Katherine Cassandra, b. June 3, 1957
- iii. Charles Hildreth, b. Dec. 12, 1959

VERNA INEZ SCHUMACHER⁷, daughter of Jacob William and Nellie May (Keeler) Schumacher, was born in Parish, New York, April 22, 1901. She became a secretary in Syracuse, New York, where she married William Sheridan who worked in the L. C. Smith typewriter factory. They were divorced, and she married second on February 26, 1941, Carl D. Bumpus, who was born February 28, 1897. He was a lock-keeper on the New York State Barge Canal near Brewerton, New York. As their home was on a small farm nearby, Verna used to supply fresh eggs, vegetables, and other produce to owners of passing canal boats, an activity she greatly enjoyed which was appreciated by the water-dwellers.

Carl died September 25, 1973, in Holly Hill, Florida; Verna, September 23, 1977, in Daytona Beach.

JAY AUGUSTUS SCHUMACHER⁷, son of Jacob William and Nellie May (Keeler) Schumacher, was born September 6, 1902, in Parish, New York. He married Mrs. Marian (McCarty) Neitz on April 7, 1956. She was born September 23, 1909, in North Syracuse, New York. Jay was a set-up man and tool worker at the L. C. Smith plant in Syracuse. When it became Smith-

Corono Company and moved to Cortland, New York, Jay and Marian commuted the 80 miles from their home in North Syracuse to Cortland and back every day rather than give up their friends and their garden. They made many hazardous trips early on winter mornings to punch in on time; and many long, cold trips home to a late supper after their days's work. In 1982 they had retired from work and from driving long distances, but not from gardening.

MYRON F.⁵ COAN (Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Parish, New York, April 23, 1845, son of Asahel and Rosanna (McLymond) Coan. On November 12, 1872, he married Emma Stewart, who was born November 26, 1850. Myron died December 4, 1905, in St. Paul, Minnesota; Emma died November 24, 1935.

Children (6) COAN

- i. Howard A., b. May 16, 1879
- ii. Merton, b. June, 1885; d. Dec. 1, 1944
- iii. Fern, b. 1886; d. Nov. 28, 1892
- iv. Edgar, d. Oct. 7, 1922, single
- v. Elsie, b. Mar. 22, 18__; m. Dehlia _____ Jan., 1950; d. Mar. 7, 1950; no children

Reference: Mrs. AveryH. Coan
Wiles, Coan Family of America, Vol. II, p. 16

HOWARD AVERY⁶ COAN (Myron F.⁵, Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Logansville, Wisconsin, May 16, 1879, son of Myron and Emma (Stewart) Coan. On June 10, 1903, in St. Paul, Minnesota, he married Ella Philipson, who was born in St. Paul on April 4, 1880. Howard was employed by the United States Post Office in St. Paul.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved music. He played many instruments, taught music, had his own dance band for many years, and was a member of the Post Office Band. At the time of his death Howard was a member of East Gate Masonic Lodge 314 AF and AM; the Osman Templar Damascus Commandery 1; Eastern Star, Chapter 24; Royal Arch of Masons; St. Paul's Musicians Union, Minnesota Chapter 1; the Retired Postal Workers Association; and the Osman Shrine Band.

Ella died January 17, 1957; Howard died March 20, 1971.

Children (7) COAN

- i. Glenn Philipson, b. Mar. 12, 1904
- ii. Eileen, b. May 23, 1906
- iii. Avery Howard, b. Apr. 21, 1910

Reference: Mrs. Avery H. Coan, 1360 Palace Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105

GLENN PHILIPSON⁷ COAN (Howard A.⁶, Myron F.⁵, Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 12, 1904, son of Howard A. and Ella (Philipson) Coan. On June 12, 1926, he married Madeline Gohlke.

Children (8) COAN

- i. Glenn P., Jr., b. Jan. 11, 1932
- ii. Mardell, b. June 18, 1935

Reference: Wiles, Coan Family of America, Vol. II, p. 17.

GLENN PHILIPSON⁸ COAN, Jr. (Glenn P.⁷, Howard A.⁶, Myron F.⁵, Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born January 11, 1932, in St. Paul, Minnesota, son of Glenn Philipson and Madeline (Gohlke) Coan. He was graduated from Harding High School in St. Paul in 1950; and from March, 1951, until March 1955, he served with the United States Air Force.

On May 3, 1958, in Bethel Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Glenn married Charlotte Louise Erickson, who was born in Rush City, Minnesota, January 8, 1935, daughter of Carl Yngve and Edna Caroline (Grote) Erickson. She was graduated from Washington High School in St. Paul in 1953. In 1982 Glenn was employed by Olympia (Hamm's) Brewing Company in St. Paul, and Charlotte was a teacher aide in the St. Paul School District.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Howard Glenn, b. Oct. 14, 1961, St. Paul, Minn.; student at the University of Minnesota and member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, 1982
- ii. David Carl, b. Oct. 6, 1963, St. Paul, Minn.; member of Minnesota Army National Guard, 1982
- iii. Mark Charles, b. Dec. 27, 1967, St. Paul, Minn.; a student at Harding High School, St. Paul, 1982

Reference: Glenn P. Coan, Jr., 958 McLean Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55106

MARDELL⁸ COAN (Glenn P.⁷, Howard A.⁶, Myron F.⁵, Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 18, 1935, daughter of Glenn Philipson and Madeline (Gohlke) Coan. She was graduated from Harding High School in St. Paul in 1953. On August 7, 1954, in the First Lutheran Church in St. Paul she married Frank Frederick (Bud) Steger, who was born in St. Paul July 25, 1931, son of Frank Thomas and Esther (Heuer) Steger. He was graduated from Humboldt High School in St. Paul in 1949.

In 1982 Bud worked as a truck driver for Metalmatic, and Mardell was a secretary for Tempco Manufacturing in St. Paul.

Children (9) STEGER

- i. Beth Marie, b. May 27, 1955, St. Paul, Minn.
- ii. Gayle Julie, b. June 18, 1957, St. Paul, Minn.; was graduated from Sibley High School, West St. Paul, 1975; employed by Univac in 1982
- iii. Linda Ann, b. July 22, 1960, St. Paul, Minn.
- iv. Jean Susan, b. May 13, 1962, St. Paul, Minn.; was graduated from Sibley High School, West St. Paul, 1980; employed in Food Service, American National Bank, St. Paul, 1982

Reference: Glenn P. Coan, Jr.

BETH MARIE STEGER⁹, daughter of Frank Frederick and Mardell (Coan) Steger, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, May 27, 1955. She was graduated from Sibley High School in West St. Paul in 1973. On April 7, 1973, in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, she married Keith Warnke. In 1982 they lived in Farmington, Minnesota.

Children (10) WARNKE

- i. Jason Keith, b. Aug. 16, 1974
- ii. Mark Kenneth, b. Sept. 28, 1977

Reference: Glenn P. Coan, Jr.

LINDA ANN STEGER⁹, daughter of Frank Frederick and Mardell (Coan) Steger, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, July 22, 1960. She was graduated from Sibley High School in West St. Paul in 1978. On August 8, 1981, in St. Paul she married Michael Fouks. Linda worked as a proofreader for Dakota State Bank, and in 1982 they resided in Eagan, Minnesota.

Children (10) FOUKS

- i. Melissa Mardell, b. Jan. 21, 1982

Reference: Glenn P. Coan, Jr.

EILEEN⁷ COAN (Howard A.⁶, Myron F.⁵, Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born May 23, 1906, daughter of Howard A. and Ella (Philipson) Coan. She married Arthur Haswell Lang on October 17, 1936. He was born May 19, 1906. In 1982 Eileen lived in St. Paul, Minnesota. Arthur died April 25, 1978.

Children (8) LANG

- i. Stephen, b. Feb. 14, 1941; m. Nancy Anderson June 4, 1966; d. Feb. 3, 1974
- ii. Janice, adopted, b. Sept. 1, 1944

Reference: Mrs. Avery H. Coan

AVERY HOWARD⁷ COAN (Howard A.⁶, Myron F.⁵, Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 21, 1910, son of Howard Avery and Ella (Philipson) Coan. He worked in the grocery business from 1928 until 1950 except for the period from May, 1942, until October, 1945, when he served in the United States Army 704 Railway Grand Division at Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Africa; Germany; France; Italy. He was in the hardware business from 1952 until 1965 when he went to work for National Checking Printers. In 1965 he became manager of a laundramat and was still employed in that position in 1982.

On July 23, 1938, he married Mary Magdalen Trudell, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 23, 1912, daughter of Samuel Lawrence and Clara Ophelia (Richter) Trudell. Until 1942 Mary worked for Montgomery Ward. Avery enjoyed fishing and bowling.

Children (8) COAN

- i. William Avery, b. Nov. 24, 1942
- ii. Richard Howard, b. Nov. 6, 1946
- iii. Robert James, b. Dec. 16, 1950

Reference: Mrs. Avery H. Coan, 1360 Palace Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104

WILLIAM AVERY⁸ COAN (Avery H.⁷, Howard A.⁶, Myron F.⁵, Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born November 24, 1942, in Fort Snelling (St. Paul), Minnesota, son of Avery Howard and Mary Magdalen (Trudell) Coan. He was graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, with a B.A. degree and from Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, with an M.P.A. degree. From February, 1965, until August, 1968, he served with the United States Army Intelligence Command. On January 27, 1968, in Carmel, Indiana, he married Sally Lynn Coleman, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 6, 1945, daughter of Marvin and Virginia (Norris) Coleman. Sally was graduated from the School of Nursing, Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, and was a registered nurse.

William was employed by the United States Postal Service; first, as an inspector and then, as a program manager for the regional chief inspector in Chicago, Illinois. His

interests and hobbies included classic sport cars restoration, sailing, hunting, fishing, camping, home restoration, and the Boy Scouts. In 1982 William and Sally lived in Tinley Park, Illinois.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Molly, b. Apr. 24, 1969, Indianapolis, Ind.
- ii. Chadd, b. July 1, 1971, Indianapolis, Ind.
- iii. Jeffrey, b. Sept. 24, 1974, Harvey, Ill.
- iv. Justin, b. Oct. 14, 1978, Harvey, Ill.

Reference: Molly Coan, 17205 69th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477

RICHARD HOWARD⁸ COAN (Avery⁷ H. , Howard⁶ A. , Myron⁵ F. , Asahel⁴ , Sylvanus³ , Mulford² , George¹) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 6, 1946, son of Avery Howard and Mary Magdalen (Trudell) Coan. Richard served in the United States Marine Corps and in 1982 was working for the Bell System in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On April 12, 1975, in St. John's Church in Little Canada, Minnesota, he married Patricia Ellen Ducharme, who was born in Little Canada, Minnesota, March 3, 1952, daughter of Philemon and Agnes (Jansen) Ducharme. She was a secretary. Richard's hobbies and interests included hunting, fishing, woodworking, cross-country skiing, camping, wilderness camping, and old cars.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Jocelyn Rae, b. Aug. 6, 1977, St. Paul, Minn.
- ii. Kelly Maree, b. May 21, 1980. St. Paul, Minn.

Reference: Richard H. Coan, 6166 Jarvis Ave., N. Stillwater, MN 55082

ROBERT JAMES⁸ COAN (Avery⁷ H. , Howard⁶ A. , Myron⁵ F. , Asahel⁴ , Sylvanus³ , Mulford² , George¹) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, December 16, 1950, son of Avery Howard and Mary Magdalen (Trudell) Coan. On October 23, 1971, he married Nancy Marie Polski, who was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 23, 1951, daughter of Robert and Monica (Toner) Polski. She was a secretary. In 1982 Robert was a driver-salesman for Pepsi Cola Company and had a half interest in a video store, Video to Go. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Children (9) COAN

- i. Kevin Robert, b. Feb. 1, 1973
- ii. Christopher Joseph, b. Feb. 13, 1976
- iii. Caroline Marie, b. Apr. 11, 1980

Reference: Mrs. Avery H. Coan

MERTON⁶ COAN (Myron F.⁵, Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in June, 1885, son of Myron F. and Emma (Stewart) Coan. On January 1, 1939, he married Edith M. Nelson, who was born in June, 1892. Merton died December 1, 1944; Edith, April 10, 1969.

NEWTON O.⁵ COAN (Asahel⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born in Parish, New York, December 27, 1846, son of Asahel and Rosanna (McLymond) Coan. He married Emma _____ and died July 29, 1898.

Children (6) COAN

i. Marcia; a milliner in Pulaski, N. Y.

ROYAL RALPH⁴ COAN (Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born February 10, 1817, son of Sylvanus and Polly (Hough) Coan. He married twice. The name of his first wife is unknown. His second wife was Mrs. Caroline E. Barton, whom he married November 2, 1862. She was born in April, 1844. Royal died in Kirkville, New York, February 10, 1895, aged 78; Caroline, August 24, 1909, aged 65.

Children (5) COAN

by first wife

- i. Frank
- ii. Jane

by Caroline

- iii. Royal Ralph, Jr., b. Sept. 17, 1863; d. Feb. 14, 1886
- iv. Helen E., b. Aug. 25, 1869
- v. Harriet, b. Oct. 30, 1870
- vi. Marcia, b. Feb. 23, 1873
- vii. Charles H., b. Nov. 15, 1876
- viii. Bertha B., b. Jan. 28, 1880
- ix. Bert C.
- x. Titus S., b. Apr. 1884; d. Sept. 22, 1885

HARRIET⁵ COAN (Royal R.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born October 30, 1870, daughter of Royal Ralph and Caroline E. Coan. She married March 16, 1891, Thomas Ainsley, who was born October 9, 1855.

Children (6) AINSLEY

- i. Thomas W., b. Jan. 1, 1892; d. Jan. 27, 1893
- ii. Tracy C., b. Aug. 31, 1893
- iii. Chester M., b. May 14, 1895
- iv. George D., b. Oct. 27, 1897

BERTHA B.⁵ COAN (Royal R.⁴, Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born January 28, 1880, daughter of Royal Ralph and Caroline E. Coan. On April 26, 1899, she married Claud A. Nichols, who was born September 28, 1875.

Children (6) NICHOLS

- i. Bertha Maude, b. Mar. 9, 1900
- ii. Hilda E., b. Oct. 18, 1901
- iii. Lorna I., b. Apr. 16, 1905
- iv. Omar Adrian, b. Mar. 28, 1911

SYLVANUS HUGH⁴ COAN (Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born July 2, 1819, son of Sylvanus and Polly (Hough) Coan. He married Catherine _____, who was born in 1823. Sylvanus died August 25, 1876.

Children (5) COAN

- i. Ellen
- ii. Augustus
- iii. Orlando
- iv. Ann, d. Jan. 12, 1874; buried in Bidwell Cemetery, Parish, N. Y.
- v. Priscilla (She is Marcia in will.)

Reference: Federal Census of 1850, New York, Oswego County, Parish

Wiles, Coan Family of America, Vol. II, p. 18

WILLIAM⁴ COAN (Sylvanus³, Mulford², George¹) was born December 7, 1825, son of Sylvanus and Fanny (Williams) Coan. He married Clarissa (Theressa in Federal Census of 1850. Possibly the census taker misunderstood the name.)

Children (5) COAN

- i. Lee
- ii. Mary

Reference: Federal Census of 1850, New York, Oswego County, Parish

CONCLUSION

PRONUNCIATION OF COAN

by

Ruth Coan Fulton

No book on the Coans would be complete without mention of the correct pronunciation of the name. I questioned descendants of the main ancestral lines of Peter and George only to find they were not in agreement on this important matter.

Most of the descendants of George said the name was pronounced with an accent on the last syllable--Co-an'. Edward Morel⁷ Coan of Stonington, Maine, whose ancestor was George's grandson Gaylord³, wrote: "My father Philip Coan made the pronunciation (Co-an') clear to me at an early age. There has never been any other approved pronunciation, to my knowledge, in either my family or in my cousin's..."

Howard Radcliffe⁷ Coan of West Hartford, Connecticut, another descendant of Gaylord³, wrote: "Definitely on the second syllable! All the Coans I have known or still know use the 2nd syllable accent. Anything else means h between the vowels!"

Ezra Titus⁵ Coan (1829-1900), George's great grandson also through Gaylord³, added an extra n to his name spelling it Coann to secure correct pronunciation--an accent on the last syllable.

Three more of George's descendants, this time through his grandson Sylvanus³, Avery Howard⁷ Coan and Glenn Philipson⁸ Coan, Jr., both of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Margaret Ruth, wife of Roger Allan Ruth⁸ of Rochester, New York, all pronounced the name accenting the last syllable. Mrs. Ruth wrote: "All of Mother Ruth's relatives in New York State and the people we met in Connecticut called it Co-ann'."

Now what of Peter's line? Virginia⁸ Coan Wiles of Minerva, Ohio, a descendant of Peter's son Jacob² and author of History of the Coan Family of America, Vols. I and II, an authority on our family, said Coan was accented on the last syllable. Theodore Hunter Smith⁷ of Winter Park, Florida, also a descendant of Jacob² and an authority on Coan genealogy, said the name was Co-an'. He pointed out that the name of his ancestor, Jacob², was spelled Coann on the roster of men who served in Nathaniel Johnson's 2nd Company, 7th Regiment, in the Old French War. The name of Jacob's grandson, William⁴, was recorded Coann in the 1820 Federal Census of Adams County, Ohio. Both these names, Mr. Smith said, were written as the writer heard them; so Jacob² and William⁴ accented the last syllable.

Mrs. Norman Allison Coan of Vancouver, Washington, whose husband Norman⁷ is a descendant of Peter's grandson Augustus³, wrote: "Our uncle, Dr. Glenn Long⁶ Coan, was a stickler for pronunciation. He said Coan was like Quann." He definitely accented the last syllable. Mrs. Coan added:

"An interesting tid-bit--a girl's wedding account gave her name as Co-anne."

Clarence Chittenden Potter⁷, a descendant of Peter's son John and a resident of Guilford, Connecticut, wrote: "I can remember being told to go down to the Coan Lot and see if I could find any "craneberrys", and it sounded like 'Co' as in Cohabit (the original name of North Guilford) and 'An' as in Anaconda with accent on An!"

We have covered descendants of the main lines from George and Peter except for one--Peter's son Abraham². Three descendants of Captain Elisha³ Coan of Maine, Abraham's son, all were very emphatic about accenting the first syllable of Coan. I myself was carefully taught by my parents to say Co'-an. Manfred McClure⁷ of Boulder, Colorado, a descendant of Captain Elisha's grandson Alonzo⁵ Coan wrote that his mother, Edith Coan, always emphasized that the pronunciation of the Coan family name was Co'-an, accent on the first syllable. Prescott⁸ Coan of Sheffield, Massachusetts, another descendant of Captain Elisha through his grandson Robert Abbott⁵ Coan, said the first syllable should be stressed. Three Elisha descendants disagreed with the first three--Priscilla⁸ Coan Barnes of South Pasadena, Florida, a descendant of Captain Elisha's son Shubael⁴, Hannah Bond Zimmerman⁷ of Australia, a descendant of Captain Elisha's daughter Hannah⁴, and Ralph Gorman Coan, Jr., of Atherton, California, a descendant of Captain Elisha's son Abraham⁴, all accented the last syllable.

Another Coan line that accented the first syllable is one descended from Jacob² through his great, great grandson Benjamin Walker⁶ Coan. Mrs. Ralph William Coan, Sr., wife of Ralph⁷ of Urbandale, Iowa, wrote: "Our part of the family has always pronounced the name with an accent on the first syllable." Their family extends from Iowa to Texas and on to California. Nancy S.⁸ Coan of Washington, D. C., a descendant of George, wrote that she accented the last syllable, but her father Frank S. Coan accented the first.

Knowing I was having problems with the pronunciation of Coan, Frances C. (Smith) Coan⁸ of Kirkland, Washington, a Jacob descendant who married a Jacob² descendant, Eugene Carpenter⁸ Coan, suggested I talk on the phone to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Folwell Welles Coan of Minneapolis, Minnesota. When I called, Mrs. Folwell Coan said that to help people pronounce the name correctly, she frequently told them: "It's not like Joan; it's like Joanne." She continued by saying that when she was first married, she answered the telephone one day, "This is Mrs. Coan," mispronouncing the name. Her husband Folwell overheard her and corrected her. He then explained that at Hotchkiss and at Yale at the beginning of each term when his new instructors mispronounced his name, he would always stop after class and politely explain how to say Coan. He concluded by telling her, "When you have had the name as long as I have, you will fight for it."

Mrs. Coan said further that actually the name should be pronounced with an equal accent on both syllables--Co'-an'. But since in English all two-syllable words are accented on one syllable or the other, never on both, it is almost impossible to get people to say Coan with each syllable accented. To secure a more nearly correct pronunciation, most Coans accent the last syllable. When I told her I was taught to accent the first, she said I was probably more nearly right; but people, hearing the first syllable accented, would soon be saying, "Co-en," then "Co-un," and eventually "Cone."

Ralph Gorman⁷ Coan, Sr., of Lake Oswego, Oregon, a descendant of the Maine line through Captain Elisha, agreed with Mrs. Folwell Coan. He said the name should have equal accents on each syllable, but to secure a more nearly correct pronunciation, he himself accented the last syllable. Stuart F. G.⁸ Coan of Greenwich, Connecticut, a descendant of George, also supported Mrs. Folwell Coan and said the name should be pronounced Co'-ann' with equal accent on each syllable. He wrote: "all of us...have pronounced our name as above. And when my mother was in England about 1938, she found the name to be fairly common in East Anglia (Norwich). But she had no chance to do any research. It was pronounced as we do."

Accent on first syllable, accent on last syllable, accent on both syllables--there is one thing all the Coans and Coan descendants do have complete agreement on and that is how not to say Coan. It is not Co-hen, Co-han, Co-en, Cow-an, Coon, Co-un, or Cone! We also stand together in our opinion that the correct pronunciation of Coan is very important; and in our own ways, like Folwell Welles Coan, we are all willing "to fight for it!"

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Factual Errors

<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Error and Correction</u>
IV	4	from the author should be <u>from the compiler</u>
3	9	omit <u>which follows</u>
9	21	<u>Koenraet Kuhn</u> should be <u>Koenraet Koen</u>
40	8 f.b.	Insert after <u>March</u> the numbers <u>16, 1940</u>
49,50		<u>Murphy</u> should be <u>Murphey</u>
62	mid.	<u>Renes</u> should be <u>Renée</u>
Op. 65	C. 2 f.b.	<u>Bonnie</u> should be <u>Bonnie</u> .
68	5 f.b.	<u>Grapevien</u> should be <u>Grapevine</u>
69	3	<u>Mary 5, 1947</u> should be <u>May 5, 1947</u>
69	11 f.b.	<u>Veryle</u> should be <u>Veryl</u>
74	19	iii. <u>Beverly Lu</u> should read iii. <u>Beverly Lu Storey, b. June 15, 1953, Dallas, Tex.; a lawyer</u>
95	9,10 f.b.	<u>Annapolis, Maryland</u> should be <u>Pensacola, Florida</u>
103	7 f.b.	<u>Samual</u> should be <u>Samuel</u>
123	14 f.b.	<u>Haravard</u> should be <u>Harvard</u>
134	12 f.b.	<u>Augustus</u> should be <u>Augustus</u> .
138	20	<u>Eva</u> should be <u>Eva Sophronia</u>
138	13 f.b.	<u>Eva</u> should be <u>Eva Sophronia</u>
138	8 f.b.	<u>March 3</u> should be <u>March 25</u>
Op.138	C. 10	<u>seated</u> should be <u>standing</u>
141	17 f.b.	<u>Dolores Elaine</u> : when she was eighteen, Dolores legally changed her name to <u>Delores</u> . Note also p. 140 mid. <u>Dolores</u> .
145	10,11	Generation numbers omitted; lines should read <u>NORMAN KENNEDY⁸ COAN⁸</u> (<u>Norman A.¹, Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H.H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹</u>)
145	5,6 f.b.	Generation numbers omitted; lines should read <u>CHARLES EMERSON⁹ COAN</u> (<u>Norman K.⁸, Norman A.⁷, Norman E.⁶, Marlin A.⁵, Marlin H.H.⁴, Augustus³, Jacob², Peter¹</u>)
150	mid.	<u>Mrs. Gleen Long Coan</u> should be <u>Mrs. Glenn Long Coan</u>
151	1	<u>Gross</u> should be <u>Grosse</u>
155	3	<u>Descendants:</u> should be <u>Descendants;</u>
160	8 f.b.	<u>Chaarles</u> should be <u>Charles</u>
176	3 f.b.	<u>(Kautz)</u> should be <u>(Kautz) Potter</u> ; also p. 177, line 7
203	3,7 f.b.	<u>Seymore</u> should be <u>Seymour</u>
223	2 f.b.	iii <u>Issao Finney</u> should read iii. <u>Issac Finney, b. July 6, 1860</u>
237	9	<u>Seavers</u> should be <u>Seaverns</u>
Op. 256	C.	<u>Helen Ruth Coan Hoppock</u> should be <u>Helen Ruth Hoppock</u>
260	7 f.b.	<u>past-president</u> should be <u>president</u>
Op.267	C. 1	<u>Randolph</u> should be <u>Randall</u>
269	15,16 f.b.	<u>with a B.S. degree in business administration</u> should be <u>and received a B.S. degree in hotel administration from the University in 1983.</u>
271	10	<u>Alberton</u> should be <u>Allerton</u>
206	12	Reference: Cutter, <u>Genealogical and Family History of Connecticut</u> , p. 91
272	11	<u>1982</u> should be <u>1981</u>

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289	9	it was on the spot where the Acadian Hotel later stood. should be <u>it was located opposite the post office.</u>
316	14 f.b.	<u>Mason</u> should be <u>Masons.</u>
327	6 f.b.	<u>(Day)</u> should be <u>(Dayton)</u>
329	12	<u>Lucy, b. 1765 05 1766</u> should be <u>Lucy, b. 1775 or 1776</u>
330	7	<u>July 16, 1749</u> should be <u>in 1785</u>
330	mid.	<u>Feb. 21, 1843</u> should be <u>Feb. 21, 1844</u>
330	20 f.b.	<u>Leonie</u> should be <u>Léonie</u> ; also p. 332, line 16
347	14	<u>Teliesin</u> should be <u>Talissin</u>
347	11 f.b.	<u>Bagdad</u> should be <u>Baghdad</u>
349	11	<u>anthropology</u> should be <u>anthropology</u>
356	3	<u>June 3, 1937</u> should be <u>June 3, 1927</u>
362	21	<u>Genesee</u> should be <u>Genesee</u>
362	mid.	<u>Fannie Clement</u> should be <u>Fanny Clement</u>
363	8	<u>Willilam</u> should be <u>William</u>
366	2 f.b.	<u>western New York</u> should be <u>Western New York</u>
376	17	<u>Titus Munson</u> should be <u>Philip Munson</u>
376	26	<u>1934-1938</u> should be <u>1934-1978</u>
380	5 f.b.	<u>1, 1923</u> should be <u>25, 1923</u>
Op. 381	C. 4 f.b.	<u>Kannenatsa</u> should be <u>Kannematsu</u>
382	2	<u>June</u> should be <u>Jane</u>
385	12	<u>(Speer)</u> should be <u>(Spear)</u>
387	2	<u>Sylvanus²</u> should be <u>Sylvanus³</u>
387	mid.	<u>1765 or 1766</u> should be <u>1775 or 1776</u> ; <u>On March 20, 1780</u> should be <u>In 1798</u>
390	16,29	<u>William, Jr.</u> should be <u>William</u> ; also p. 391, line 1
395	1 f.b.	<u>Berkley</u> should be <u>Berkeley</u>
409	7 f.b.	<u>1882</u> should be <u>1982</u>
412	1	<u>Corono</u> should be <u>Corona</u>
412	mid.	<u>AveryH.</u> should be <u>Avery H.</u>

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VII	10	<u>Descendants:</u> should be <u>Descendants;</u>
25	31	<u>dollars but</u> should be <u>dollars, but</u>
36	2	<u>1904</u> should be <u>1904,</u>
42	10	<u>J.C.</u> should be <u>j.g.</u>
50	14 f.b.	<u>CA</u> should be <u>Calif.</u>
60	8	<u>1910</u> should be <u>1910;</u>
70	11	<u>1981</u> should be <u>1981,</u>
72	1 f.b.	<u>female</u> should be <u>female</u>
74	23	<u>Mandeville, III</u> should be <u>Mandeville III</u>
76	12	<u>fifteen and</u> should be <u>fifteen, and</u>
92	7 f.b.	<u>English Literature</u> should be <u>English literature</u>
98	22	<u>Census</u> should be <u>Census)</u>
98	7 f.b.	<u>copies</u> should be <u>copied</u>
104	5 f.b.	<u>Governor</u> should be <u>governor</u>
108	16 f.b.	<u>1857</u> should be <u>1857,</u>
111	19	<u>Louise</u> should be <u>Louisa</u>
114	29	<u>omit of</u>

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121	10 f.b.	<u>son on</u> should be <u>son of</u>
125	4	<u>this</u> should be <u>his</u>
128	mid.	<u>History-of</u> should be <u>History of</u>
129	13 f.b.	<u>Bacon</u> should be <u>Bacon;</u>
138	mid.	<u>Amos Augustus, Mar.</u> should be <u>Amos Augustus, b. Mar.</u>
Op. 138	C.3 f.b.	<u>cotton</u> should be <u>cotton-</u>
140	10	<u>Michigan</u> should be <u>Michigan,</u>
144	13	<u>Childdren</u> should be <u>Children</u>
167	mid.	<u>Connecticut April 6</u> should be <u>Connecticut, April 6</u>
187	8	<u>May 12, 1818</u> should be <u>May 12, 1818,</u>
188	mid.	<u>(Johnson Hitchcock</u> should be <u>(Johnson) Hitchcock</u>
189	4	<u>crises</u> should be <u>crisis</u>
188	12 f.b.	omit <u>had</u>
Op. 189	1	<u>House</u> should be <u>Houses</u>
190	2	<u>ws</u> should be <u>was</u>
205	3 f.b.	<u>First Lieutenant</u> should be <u>first lieutenant</u>
211	2 f.b.	<u>(based)</u> should be <u>(based</u>
217	5 f.b.	<u>Abraham Coan, Aug.</u> should be <u>Abraham Coan, b. Aug.</u>
232	14	<u>Ruth (Gardner) Coan</u> should be <u>Ruth (Galleucia) Gardner Coan</u>
244	18	<u>family to</u> should be <u>family, to</u>
245	12	m. _____ should be m. _____;
Op. 247	C. 2	<u>ca.</u> should be <u>ca</u>
263	7	<u>Father, Vaughn</u> should be <u>Father, Vaughn,</u>
264	1	omit <u>as</u>
276	9	<u>more</u> should be <u>mori</u>
283	5 f.b.	<u>also so</u> should be <u>also, so</u>
298	6 f.b.	<u>ust</u> should be <u>just</u>
298	1 f.b.	<u>Referen e</u> should be <u>Reference</u>
307	9	<u>1777 to</u> should be <u>1777, to</u>
309	14	<u>Hampshire High</u> should be <u>Hampshire, High</u>
309	15	<u>Jersey High</u> should be <u>Jersey, High</u>
313	17,18	omit second <u>Department of South Carolina</u>
317	mid.	<u>Oregon and</u> should be <u>Oregon, and</u>
321	7	<u>quited</u> should be <u>quieted</u>
322	24	<u>teacher -</u> should be <u>teacher -</u>
328	18 f.b.	<u>Connecticut</u> should be <u>Connecticut,</u>
360	14 f.b.	<u>headquaarters</u> should be <u>headquarters</u>
367	14	<u>Reverend Arms</u> should be <u>the Reverend Mr. Arms</u>
377	5 f.b.	omit <u>and</u>
381	16	<u>School and</u> should be <u>School, and</u>
397	8	<u>Berkley</u> should be <u>Berkeley</u>



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